

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-6
January 22, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Parks and Recreation Director, Fred Couceyro

Public Speaker(s)

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An update on the barricades at Betsy Adams Park
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago and Commissioner Mena)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Betsy Adams.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: So for Betsy Adams, we have a pre-construction meeting on the 23rd. They are supposed to start construction February 20th is what we are hearing from the contractor we selected, and they are looking at a four-week construction time.

Vice Mayor Lago: Is the park going to be closed?

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We need to go over that, it might be – signage and we might have to do that. Yes, we will notify the public as we go, but construction within February 20th is what we are being told right now, because they are ordering the coral rock posts and they are starting construction on the aluminum now, once from the 23rd through, and then they'll put them up. So we are looking at...

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Vice Mayor Lago: Contractor has been chosen, insurance has been verified, we are ready to go.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Yes. We are told February 23rd is our pre-construction meeting.

Vice Mayor Lago: How long these items have been ordered?

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: They said four weeks to deliver.

Vice Mayor Lago: OK.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: Four weeks delivery. I can only tell you what I know.

Vice Mayor Lago: I'm just asking you because we are so desperate already, because everybody asks me, I live in the neighborhood, I know that your mother-in-law lives in the neighborhood and if I hear one more time from somebody, hey, what's going on, the park's great, but all I see is that fence.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: I know. I'm aware.

Vice Mayor Lago: It takes away from the great effort that staff did.

Commissioner Mena: The estimated timeline for once you have everything and actually constructing the wall where the park would be.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: From four weeks – from February 20th, four weeks is what we've been told, and that's the only information I have right now. We are meeting with them on the 23rd to make sure that nothing changes and will let you know.

Vice Mayor Lago: Make sure getting a lot of traction on that grass, but that grass is dying in the middle.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We are going to look at that. My golf course guy is taking a look to see what we can do.

Vice Mayor Lago: Getting a lot of use. This weekend there was probably 30-40 people using the park on Saturday and Sunday.

Parks and Recreation Director Couceyro: We noticed that.

Vice Mayor Lago: I'm just telling you.

[End: 10:55:44 a.m.]