

CORAL GABLES PARKING ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of March 20, 2024

Parking & Mobility Conference Room

204 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables FL 33134

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
Ada Holian	P	P	P										Mayor Vince Lago
Blanca Famadas	P	P	P										Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
Stuart J McGegor	P	P	P										Commissioner Kirk Menendez
Lisa De Tournay	P	P	P										Commissioner Ariel Fernandez
Fernando Valdes	P	P	P										Commissioner Melissa Castro

SUPPORT STAFF

Kevin Kinney, Parking Director

John Kowalchik, Parking Operations Assistant Director

Matt Anderson, Mobility and Sustainability Assistant Director

N=No Meeting

A=Absent

E=Excused

P=Present

V=Virtual

GUESTS

None

The PAB began at 5:34 P.M.

Call to Order

Public Comment:

- Gene Kowalski of Block-by-Block introduced the Ambassador of the Month, Deisy Castillo. Deisy was working on Giralda Plaza on Friday, March 3, 2024, when noticed a very strong odor (gas) coming from the front of Divine Ceviche restaurant. Deisy followed protocol and blocked off the area and notified her supervisor, who in turn notified the fire department. The fire department responded in minutes and shut off the gas line preventing any serious damage to property or person. Deisy actions were smart, courageous and appropriate. Deisy was presented with a Certificate and Gift Card for her actions.

1. Approval of February 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- a. On a motion by board member McGegor and seconded by board member Valdes the PAB approved the February 8, 2024, meeting minutes with corrections.

2. Development Review Projects
 - a. Director Kinney advised the PAB that there were no development projects scheduled for review for this month.
 - b. The PAB briefly discussed The George project. The board chair attended a neighborhood meeting for The George in which the design showed elimination of on-street parking along with bump outs into the ROW. Director Kinney stated he would reach out to Jennifer Garcia in Development Services to find out if there were any design changes that would affect the on-street parking.
3. Carnival on the Mile Review
 - a. The PAB had concerns about the clean up after the event because of what occurred last year. Director Kinney explained that clean up this year was better than last year. He stated that although final review has not been complete Parks & Recreation stated that this year's efforts were better than last year.
 - b. Director Kinney told the PAB that traffic for this year's event appears to be up 7% from last year.
 - c. The PAB asked about traffic for the Saint Patrick's Day event. Director Kinney stated that traffic was heavy for Saint Patrick's Day (weekend).
 - d. Director Kinney stated that during Carnival on the Mile, Moda Miami was happening at the Biltmore Hotel and it went well. We did a fairly good job of keeping cars away from the neighbors (parking in the neighborhood).
4. Payment In Lieu Ordinance
 - a. Director Kinney reminded the PAB that the current replacement cost for a lost on-street parking space is \$42,000.00.
 - b. Director Kinney provided the PAB with a copy of the current ordinance for parking replacement cost.
 - c. The PAB discussed increase pricing for parking replacement cost. This included current property cost, density, and other items such as deterrent pricing.
 - d. Director Kinney stated that current pricing was set in 2011 to compensate the city for 10 years of revenue from that parking space.
 - e. The Director stated that the current pricing is probably not an appropriate price anymore.
 - f. Director Kinney stated he is currently working with Development Services to review the current pricing structure and will bring the results back to the PAB for their recommendation.
 - g. Director Kinney said the goal for tonight was to start a discussion about the replacement cost for on-street parking spaces.
 - h. The PAB would like any change to the ordinance to include the need to find parking spaces to replace the eliminated spaces along with the In Lieu Fee.
5. On-Street Rates at the Village of Merrick Park
 - a. The Village of Merrick Park has increased their off-street (garage) parking rate and it is now more expensive than the city's on-street parking rate. This is causing issues with traffic and a lack of available on-street parking.
 - b. The 2002 agreement allows the Village of Merrick Park to set their parking rates.

- c. Director Kinney presented the PAB with possible options including increased on-street parking rates and putting in time restrictions.
 - d. The Director said we will continue to monitor parking in the area and possibly prepare a market analysis during this budget season.
 - e. The Director will also address this situation with the management of the Village of Merrick Park.
 - f. By attrition we are doing away with on-street monthly contract parking in this area.
 - g. The Director stated that there is no need to take action tonight and we will come back to the PAB with additional information.
6. 100 Palermo Short-Term Parking
- a. Currently there are three (3) on-street parking spaces.
 - b. Director Kinney recommends that we make those three parking spaces short-term spaces.
 - c. On a motion by board member Famadas and seconded by board member Tournay the PAB recommended these three parking spaces be restricted to 30 minutes.
7. Open Discussion
- a. Director Kinney shared a memo sent to the City Manager that several Parking & Mobility accomplishments and challenges.
 - b. Board member Valdes brought up UM student parking in the area of Granda & Ponce (near West Lab). Director Kinney we will monitor this situation.
 - c. Board member Famadas asked the Director for an update on the Biltmore Way parking.
 - d. Board member Famadas asked the Director for an update on Salvador Park parking.
 - e. Board member Famadas stated she parked at The Palace Garage and it appears they have cleaned up the facility.
 - f. Chair Holian discussed challenge # 2 on the Accomplishments and Challenges Memo.
 - g. Chair Holian asked if there was an update on the scooter situation in Coral Gables. Director Kinney and Matt Anderson responded to the board's questions.
 - h. Board member Valdes questioned the jaywalking crosswalks in Coral Gables. It appears to be a serious issue. He suggested this issue need to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 6:52 P.M.