

City of Coral Gables
Meeting Minutes
Parking Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Thursday, March 25, 2021

8:00 AM

The Board meets the fourth Thursday of
the month.
Parking Department, Director's Office,
2801 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL
33134

CALL TO ORDER

The PAB began at 08:04 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Perez, Holian and Garay, Betancourt

Excused: 1 - Rua

1 Public Comments

No Public Comments

2 Approval February 25, 2021 Minutes

•On a Motion from PAB Member Garay, Seconded by PAB Member Perez
the PAB approved the February 25, 2021 meeting minutes.

3 Zeida Sardinas City Asset Manager – Parking Lot 31 Sale

- Mrs. Sardinas presented the Potential Sale of City Lot 31 - Proposed Deal Terms (attached) to the PAB. presented the Potential Sale of City Lot 31 - Proposed Deal Terms (attached) to the PAB.
- PAB reviewed history of development scenarios at this location.
- Coral Gables has negotiated an agreement with the developer and will continue managing the Parking Lot until construction begins.
- The PAB discussed potential impacts of the development of parking in the area.
- There was a discussion about using proceeds of the sale to help pay for the Minorca Garage construction.
- On a motion by PAB member Garay, seconded by PAB member Perez, the PAB recommended approval of the sale of Parking Lot 31.

4 University of Miami Lease Extension Lot 42 and Lot 43

- The Parking Director presented a letter from the University of Miami; a one-year extension of Lot 42 & 43 Lease.
- Both Parking Director and Asset Manager recommend approval by the PAB without a rate increase.

- On a Motion by PAB Member Perez, Seconded by PAB Member Garay the PAB approved the lease renewal for Parking Lots 42 & 43 to the University of Miami.

5 Quarterly Review of Transit Operations

- Parking Assistant Director John Kowalchik gave a brief presentation on the status of Trolley and Freebee ridership in Coral Gables.
- Mr. Kowalchik introduced MV Transportation General Manager Frasco Cardona. Mr. Cardona manages the Trolley Drivers & Dispatch for MV Transportation.
- Mr. Cardona presented the PAB with a brief history and current status of MV Transportation contract with the City.

6 Recognition – Staff Ambassador of the Month (Hector Manon)

- Mr. Cardona introduced Hector Manon, Staff Ambassador of the Month.
- Hector Manon is a Trolley Dispatcher for MV Transportation and has acted as a driver and ambassador for city special events that involve the use of a Trolley.
- Mr. Manon thanked Coral Gables and MV Transportation for the recognition.
- Director Kinney spoke about Mr. Manon and rave reviews he has gotten from the city for his participation in the city's special events.
- PAB Chair Javier Betancourt also stated that he participated in events where Hector was the Trolley Driver and found him to be an excellent Ambassador for the City.
- Director Kinney then presented Mr. Manon with a Certificate of Acknowledgment of Service and a gift from the City.

7 FY22 Budget Preparation – Projected New Needs

- The Parking Director presented the PAB with several charts (attached) which reviewed the Trolley Ridership, On-Street and Off-Street revenue, and a summary of New Needs in Parking & Transportation.
- The summary of New Needs for new projects totals nearly \$1.9 million.
- In review of the new needs summary the director noted that:
 - o In 2017 the commission approved a \$.50 surcharge on parking in the BID to fund Street Scape Maintenance.
 - o The Freebee contract will need to be renegotiated.
- The director discussed with the PAB the prioritizing of new need items.
- The PAB discussed the items presented:
 - o PAB Chair Betancourt recommended that Parking prioritize:
 - Any Safety issues/concerns
 - Parking/Mobility Mater Plan
 - Trolley Schedule Restoration (restore full services)
 - Streetscape Repairs
 - Freebee may not be a priority at the end of the initial pilot program (grant)

- o PAB member Garay recommended that Parking prioritize:
 - Any Safety issues/concerns
 - Trolley Schedule Restoration
- o PAB member Perez recommended that Parking prioritize:
 - Any Safety issues/concerns
 - Trolley Schedule Restoration
 - Expansion of Trolley services

8 Annual System Safety Plan Approval

- Assistant Parking Director/Trolley Manager, John Kowalchik, explained the minor changes to the City's Transit Safety Policy; the SSPP (System Safety Program Plan) and SPP/HSP (Security Program Plan/Hazard and Security Plan)
- On a Motion by PAB Member Perez, Seconded by PAB Member Garay the PAB approved the SSPP and SPP.

9 Biltmore Way Monthly Permits

- The Parking Director reviewed parking conditions on the 600 & 700 blocks of Biltmore Way.
- The Parking Director would like to provide limited on-street parking permits to businesses on these blocks that do not have the ability to obtain enough parking on-site.
- This would be a pilot permit parking program limited to approximately 20 of the 97 available on-street parking spaces.
- On a Motion by PAB Member Perez, Seconded by PAB Member Garay the PAB approved a six-month pilot permit parking program on the 600 & 700 blocks of Biltmore Way.

10 Open Discussion

- The Parking Director notified the PAB that there will not be a City Commission Meeting in April due to the City Elections.
- The PAB asked the Director to separate the ridership reports of Trolley and Freebee to better evaluate each service independently.

ADJOURNMENT

The PAB adjourned at 09:13 A.M.

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