



## Cocoanut Grove Village Council

### Meeting Minutes

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6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – quorum –
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. House Keeping
  - a. February minutes approved.
5. Announcements
6. New Business
  - a. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Closed bay-walk pedestrian path along Regatta Harbour mixed used development. Waterfront access was closed without notice and it is public right of way. TREO Group representative reported closure is due to major improvements to seawall, including new pavers. Closure for 2019. Major milestones include installation of precast seawalls, old seawall dug out, bay-walk poured. Project limits: City Hall property is where the bay walk starts and will end to the north at the proposed roundabout.
    - i Council requested developer to post signage at closure with completion date, proposed drawing, and number to call for more information and detour route for pedestrians.
    - ii Council member requested drawings of site to post for public to see.
    - iii Council member requested information to confirm how high will sea wall be in relation to existing sea wall that will when completed? In other words, where the project begins and ends, will there be a seamless connection.
    - iv Council member asked what are the hours of pile driving for noise factors?
  - b. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** The future of retail in Coconut Grove—large number of storefronts are vacant. Council proposed an outreach effort to gain information about future development and goals of developers.
  - c. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Taurus tree removal—forthcoming. The County will remove the tree. This is a vetted process with permits. Larger

than usual replacement tree was requested to be placed within ~15' of current tree location. Sidewalks will be repaired. City will keep VC posted of developments.

7. Discussion Items

- a. **Visibility Committee:** Presentation of website updates explaining the different committee efforts. Main update was posting all Coconut Grove waivers. Geolocation map will show waivers.
  - i Council discussion noted that waiver process is not being followed as per code.
  - ii Council member commented that PZAB in record recognizing perhaps the need to review waiver process (ie: certified mail and electronic notices).

8. Unfinished Business

- a. **Housing and Zoning Committee:** Proposed NCD legislation update—City Commission did not second a motion for a vote. The legislation will come back, maybe just too loaded.
  - i Member suggested that submission for waiver should also include site plan for what is coming post-demolition.
  - ii Member suggested City specialist in NCD zoning to review waiver applications.
  - iii Public residents want to be part of the NCD re-write process.
  - iv VC will keep community abreast of community involvement about revised legislation.
- b. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Scooter Pilot Program—6 vendors for electric scooter rental shortlisted. Vetting proper insurances, etc... View a safety video before renting scooter. Pilot program is only in district 2 (50 scooters). Ordinance allows for increase in number of scooters if they are well received. City will be evaluating how many will be impounded, in ROW, improperly placed.
  - i Council noted business opportunities for residents to collect scooters at night and recharge charge them.
  - ii Public comment, at the state level legislation is still in the works to make them legal. Also, on federal level electric scooters are silent on sidewalk not faster than person can walk, ADA safety issues are under consideration.
  - iii Council commented that City commission discussed limiting scooters to street.
  - iv Public comment, large percentage of scooter renters are under the influence.
- c. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Playhouse HEPB results voted 6-4 against certificate of appropriateness to move project forward. Committee compared conceptual plans to existing plans; moving forward or abandoning County plan.
  - i Public comment: is the free-standing structure part of the playhouse? It is not. It's legally non-conforming structure.
- d. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Colzie Corner. Photo example of type of signage that City proposes to recognize Colzie's. Working with City on signage options.
- e. **General Public comments:**
  - i Concern that Commodore Plaza will be torn down? Reply: VC will summarizing outreach efforts to property owners who wish to discuss future develop plans.
  - ii Affordable house on Frankie Shannon Rolle Center, upzoning and where are we on the CRA? Response: Things are moving via HOATA. VC agreed to provide an update.
  - iii Resident requested that VC chair discuss NCD.
  - iv Enforce city laws. The real estate signs should not be in ROW. Also, city permitted festivals should set aside reserve % to restore landscaping.

9. Adjournment 8:43PM