

Cocoanut Grove Village Council

AGENDA



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Monday April 29, 2019

6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. House Keeping
 - a. Approve April minutes
5. Public Comments
 - a. Signage for 2988 McFarland- Sign to exceed 50' What sort of signage will be reported on at next meeting. Past attempts at larger signs have been denied. Council will post any findings on website.
 - b. Illegal parking along Main Highway results in traffic jams and noise from frustrated drivers who honk for the double-parked car to move. Chair said this item will be brought up with upcoming coffee with a cop.
6. New Business
 - a. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Carrollton Boys School is submitting permits for reconstruction and tree removal. Committee is working with school to give a presentation of the project. Confirmation from school pending.
 - **Public comments:** beware of small print like maximum student and grade-level thresholds. Learn lessons from other school expansions and promote road inside school boundaries to prevent peak hour grid lock drop-off pick-up on local roads.
 - b. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Bike/Walk to School Day—Friday, 5/10 but local schools, Tucker elementary, CGE, and St. Stephens will promote the day on May 8.
7. Discussion Items
 - a. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Mobilizing a Neighborhood – Day Ave. Traffic Cir. Presentation given by community member on the effort level and the length of time it takes to get improvements built. Data, funding availability, follow up–follow up–follow up, and champion at city-level to keep initiative alive. Community stakeholders can help local government with cross-functionality coordination to lessen protect stumbling blocks. Presentation of the 5-year process is posted on cocoanutgrovevc.org.
 - b. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** QuickBuild now has County involvement for a temporary cross-walk at 27th Ave and Bird.
 - c. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** 27th/US1 overpass will be a difficult build. Committee member will attend a workshop with planners and architect of planned hi-rise

abutting Coconut Grove station to discuss the walking corridor that would connect the property (US-1) to Biscayne Bay.

- **Public comments:** If no overpass, then how about a crossing guard?

- d. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Resolution urging City commission to endorse dedicated bike lane law – resolution presented and deferred until May 13 meeting.
- e. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Yearly fundraiser/community grant. -Deferred

8. Unfinished Business

- a. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Coconut Grove Business District has many closed retail spaces. Committee will target a list of developers and foster collaborative approach with developers to paint a picture of what is to come in the business district. Work with the BID, develop dialogue about Grand Avenue prospects and future developments with regard to land back lots along Grand Avenue.
- b. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Trolley update –Committee to address Trolley wait times at Town hall meeting and City report is expected to be published. Service still needs to be improved. Wait times are too long. Data pending. Committee mentioned that City Commission to vote on 600K budget for Transit Alliance Miami to reconceive the comprehensive plan to improve routes for buses and trollies in Miami.
 - **Public comments:** funding a new vehicle is expensive and after a certain dollar threshold, the City of Miami is considered legislatively as a transit organization and that means additional layers of government to contend with.
- c. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Playhouse Appeal results. - Deferred to after May 8, 2019 hearing. Fact sheet is on the MDC website.
- d. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** New city staff handling the Colzie Corner project. Committee will reach out to them to see if desired signage can be achieved.
- e. **Visibility Committee:** Funding, status & interagency coordination of Grove projects. - Deferred
- f. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Commodore Trail garnering much public support. Students FIU Landscape Architects spent spring semester finalizing design concepts for southern part Center grove to cocoplum circle.
- g. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Signage for Waterfront/Bay Walk not what was anticipated. Signage which blocks bay walk is promotional, not informational in nature. Committee reached out to developer to suggest different information on signage.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55M