

# Cocoanut Grove Village Council

## MINUTES



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6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call Thaddeus Scott, Sergeant at Arms not present
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. House Keeping
  - a. Approved April minutes
5. Announcements
6. New Business
  - a. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Bike/Walk to School Day—Friday,5/10 successful outcome achieved.
7. Discussion Items
  - a. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Resolution regarding City Commission to update its Bicycle Master Plan: Not presented because City of Miami will revise Master Plan
  - b. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Resolution regarding City Commission to consider an ordinance to construct vertical barriers between vehicle lanes and bike lanes as adopted by the City of Cambridge, MA: Motion passed 9-0
8. Unfinished Business
  - a. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** discussions with Coconut Grove Business District and developers continued. Development discussed in broad terms, no specifics.
  - b. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Carrollton Boys School application to expand campus to “Villa Woodbine” a historically contributing structure on Bayshore Drive. There will be exceptions to current use that must be presented before the PZAB and the HEPB must provide a Certificate of Appropriateness before any renovations can occur. Site has limitations since there is a contributing structure and current study is underway to ensure what Carrollton wants to do is achievable through the regulatory process. The primary entrance will be via Tigertail Ave and exit via S. Bayshore. The concern of compounding current traffic patterns was a main point of discussion. The application state a student body of 340-350 students. Question was raised if School would place a restrictive covenant to cap the number of students to ensure no greater impact to neighborhood traffic. Traffic peak times already experience gridlock during Ransom middle school bell times. Much Council and public comment expressed concerns for the increase in vehicles already present in the neighborhood. School schematics show an on-property through driveway to alleviate Tigertail congestion. Staggered release of students to ease traffic congestion; engage PTA presidents; address property rights and trauma in the neighborhood; increase use of golf carts for local traffic.
    - **Community concerns:** Ransom middle school next door has changed the quality of

life for residents in the area and another school will exacerbate the traffic problems they face; request input from residents before engineering start; noise nuisance from school bells and announcements; usage of Kennedy park for activities; coordination with Ransom for drop off times; cut through traffic in residential areas; life and safety concerns because bottleneck on Tigertail with Ransom traffic at peak times prevents ingress/egress of side streets for first responders; bike paths for safe access to schools; addressing alternative mobility options with traffic engineers; who is doing traffic study and when will it be completed; school events result in parents who don't respect neighborhood and park anywhere; traffic study must account for current construction and not use old traffic volumes as a baseline – compound with usage to get a more realistic number of actual traffic; possible shuttle student to off-site pick up to ease traffic.

- c. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Update of OCI project: Village West Charles Avenue traffic calming and roadway improvements. Ministerial alliance participants pushing back on plan. Playhouse traffic would likely increase traffic flow and these calming measures will help. Council heard presentation of study and endorsed it by resolution on January, 2019. VC did not approve the public works the City and County do that. The speed humps will be asphalt. Public concern that there is a repeat of Day Avenue where the speed humps were redone two times.
  - d. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Update of OCI project: 25-MPH speed limit signs. Installation has started in the Coral Gate and Silver bluff community. Secondary streets throughout Miami will expect forthcoming installation. 25-mile hour speed limit is in effect but can't be enforced until signs are there. *Council to address signs installed here as soon as possible.*
  - e. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Update on Coconut Grove Trolley. Mentioned in the June 6 townhall meeting. City staff expected to May 6 – June 6 to conduct surveys on ridership feedback.
  - f. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Update: 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue US 1 pedestrian crossing. Gehl architects responsible for study to enhance Terra TOD development pedestrian access to look at 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Bay. Overpass very complex and multi-jurisdictional. Public comment says finishing last 2 blocks of Bird Ave at 27<sup>th</sup> Ave is needed, this portion was reserved for FPL relocation and remains incomplete.
  - g. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Playhouse Appeal 3-2 upheld. Mayor may veto and assures that he will not uphold the progress of construction.
  - h. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Update on Colzie Corner, language for the sign being discussed.
  - i. **Visibility Committee:** Funding, status & interagency coordination of Grove projects. – indefinitely deferred.
9. Public Comments
- a. Keep being proactive with NCD 2 -3. What is the Council's plan to reach out to the property owners? Requests to a clear definition of amendment as it relates to Miami 21 and NCD's.