

Cocoanut Grove Village Council

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6:30 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. House Keeping
 - a. Approve July minutes
 - b. Opportunity for Council to modify agenda
5. Announcements read.
 - a. CGVC meeting is on Columbus Day and may be moved.
 - b. Volunteers needed for Hurricane Relief supplies to Bahamas.
 - c. Register to vote deadline, October 10., change address with absentee ballot, 10//16.
 - d. Committee member stated Grove 2030 mobility workshop in November will have a "list of projects that won't fall through the cracks"
6. Public Comments.
7. New Business
 - a. **Housing and Zoning Committee:** Chair clarified Noise Waiver request after resident received un-stamped, certified letter regarding a noise waiver. No wavier application according to NET. Financial gain no grounds to have waiver granted must show burden. Building Dept. open Monday 8-6 PM.
 - b. **Housing and Zoning Committee:** Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Team reported on pre- and post-success of hurricane canvassing Village West. Discussed training opportunities and opportunity to be a member.
 - c. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** FreeBee is a BID-sponsored ride share to bring customer to merchant in Coconut Grove. 8/11/19 changes to policy on rides. Freebee for residential to Business, not residential (house to house) trips. Goal is to reduce wait times. Chair asked if paid advertisements would help subsidize Freebee budget. No PTP funding to Freebee, BID subsidized 100%.
8. Discussion Items
 - a. City of Miami Town Hall Meeting held 9/29/19. More of a presentation than a conversation, still no trolley data presented. Sandra Harris accountable. Public comments regarding Playhouse, Charles Ave., CIP reliability to accomplish, Virrick Park Pool less pool for more cost, gentrification and beyond. Suggest residents list priority projects. ID the project #s to start more detailed report on status. Each immediate neighborhood emails the street of most concern. Then collect the list go to Capital improvements
 - b. **Transportation and Mobility Committee:** Presentation by Transit Alliance Miami Better Bus Project Presenting to city in November. Community outreach charettes throughout the city helped

formulate the report findings. DTPW funding- cuts routes and buses. Choice of redesigning routes to be straighter with less headway but, spending less time running through a neighborhood, or perhaps put stops further apart.

- c. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Update on Kampong/FIU presentation on new center for tropical botany. HEPB was cancelled to be heard 9/27/19. Both sides seem to have a positive consensus forming.
 - **Public comments:** both Carrollton and FIU are schools and they are businesses. When re-zoning, put caps fixed plan, time restrictions in covenants.
 - d. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Back to School by the numbers. This school year starts out with well attended schools.
9. Unfinished Business
- a. **Civic, Cultural Life, Parks, & Green Spaces Committee:** Carrollton Boys School update after approval of the resolution. HEPB is specific to Villa,
 - **Public comments:** City engineer could look at doing a traffic study to determine viability of another school. School will increase density on roads that are already poor and failing. Zoning is the core of the issue- not functional code when there are waivers on all projects. NCD overlay may help achieve proper zoning without having a change to the code.
 - b. **Housing and Zoning Committee:** CRA expansion. Edmunds does not seem to seek expanding the CRA boundaries. Justification for Grove expansion was put in the application. Still it is important to have a plan and budget in place before asking for funding. Sometimes, private public partnership has its benefits over public funding developer bonuses for WFH, etc. HOATA keeps the conversation with Edmunds moving forward. HOATA to get budget public records request.

Adjourned approximately 8:30PM