

Regular Meeting
March 16, 2016
Peacock Park/Glass House
2820 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order by Javier Gonzalez at 6:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

III. Housekeeping

A. Roll Call: **Present**: Javier Gonzalez, Thaddeus Scott, Raymond Fort, Ruth Ewing, Seth Sklarey and Linda Williams.

Absent: Kate Callahan and Tricia Sullivan.

B. Minutes for February 23, 2016 were waived to our next meeting. Motion to waive the Minutes was seconded with a unanimous vote.

C. Additions to Agenda:

- Miami-Dade Legislative Item File Number: 160340.

D. Treasury & Budget Update by Javier Gonzalez:

Balance at February 29, 2016 \$1,490.82

Expenses/Reimbursement to Javier Gonzalez as follows:

P.O. Box for 6 Months	\$ 43.00
P.O. Box for Extended 6 Months (Year)	<u>\$ 43.00</u>
Total Due:	\$ 86.00

Motion to accept Expenses/Reimbursement to Javier Gonzalez was seconded. Vote was unanimous.

IV. Discussion Items

A. 2017 CGVC Election Review; Precinct 634 By-Law Change (2nd Reading)

- Javier Gonzalez: We will review the 2017 Election going forward.

- Javier Gonzalez: The City of Miami does not recognize Precinct 634 residents to vote for Village Council elections. The Lola B. Walker HOA residents are deleted now and can be replaced later. Note: The City will not pay for this precinct to be on the ballot.

- Ruth Ewing: I spoke with Mrs. Prime, President of the Lola B. Walker HOA who canvassed members and they expressed that they have no desire to vote in our elections.

- Linda Williams: How many residents (voters) are we talking about?
- Audience: Can they (Lola B. Walker HOA residents) complete absentee ballots?
- Javier Gonzalez: The City of Miami will not pay for this precinct to be on the ballot.
- Javier Gonzalez: We will now take a vote on the 2nd Reading:
 - Approve (6): Kate Callahan, Tricia Sullivan, Javier Gonzalez, Ruth Ewing and Linda Williams
 - Disapprove (2): Seth Sklarey and Thaddeus Scott

B. Resolution Day Avenue Up-Zoning

- Javier Gonzalez: Asked everyone to read the "Resolution" and then we would have discussion.
- Thaddeus Scott: We don't want up-zoning.
- Ruth Ewing: Bundle two 92) issues into Resolution – Land Use and Up-zoning
- Javier Gonzalez: Motion to approve the Resolution
 - Approve (4): Javier Gonzalez, Ruth Ewing, Thaddeus, Kate Callahan
 - Disapprove (4): Tricia Sullivan, Raymond Fort, Seth Sklarey, Linda Williams
- Linda Williams: First, I wasn't aware that this Resolution was being presented. I strongly believe that there needs to be additional language to strengthen this Resolution and therefore, cannot vote for it. We (the community) should find a way to be "included" in any and all development projects especially in the West Grove. In order to grow our community, we have to be here and a participant in its growth to include residents, jobs, business, etc.
- Raymond Fort: I agree with Linda to grow the community.
- Thaddeus Scott: We don't get it! Developers are taking over this community.
- Javier Gonzalez: Are there any changes in the vote?
 - None.
 - Then, acting in the capacity as Chair, to break the tie, (in the absence of our President, Kate Callahan), I vote to accept/approve the Resolution.

C. Miami-Dade Legislative Item File Number: 160340

- Ruth Ewing: Resolution directing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to develop and submit a 10-year plan to designate county-owned vacant land within a one-mile radius of metrorail stations and a quarter-mile of high frequency metrobus corridors for the development of workforce and affordable housing and to prepare and submit a feasibility study related to the acquisition of privately owned properties within a one-mile radius of metrorail stations and a quarter-mile of high frequency metrobus corridors for these purposes. A Motion to accept the Resolution passed with a vote of 5-0 to include the 37th Avenue and 27th Avenue corridors.
- Javier Gonzalez: When we are in front of county/city officials, express the need for housing. Request the County to keep us abreast of the project.

V. **Project/Topic Updates**

A. Trolley Barn

- Javier Gonzalez: Miami-Dade County Resolution to rescind \$3 million from the Helen B. Bentley Family Health Care to CHI that may assist with the purchase of the Trolley Barn. There are concerns regarding parking and pedestrian crossing, etc.

VI. **Miscellaneous Discussions:**
None.

VII. **Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn was seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Humbly submitted by:

Linda Williams

Councilwoman Linda Williams
Secretary, Coconut Grove Village Council