

Village of Palmetto Bay
Palmetto Bay Partnership Committee Minutes
 Wed, Sep 14, 2016 – 6:30 @ Edward & Arlene Feller Community Room at Ludovici Park
 17641 Old Cutler Road, Palmetto Bay FL 33157

Peter England (Chairman) called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

1) Roll Call/Attendance:

Juan Alayo	N	Suzanne Gottlieb-Calleja	Y	Courtney Reeder	Y
Peter England	Y	Eric Haas	Y*	Dan Yglesias	Y
Eddie Escobar	Y	Susan Hotzman	Y	[available appointment]	N
Hal Feldman	Y	Edward Joffe	Y		
Anthony Gorman	N	Rick Lujan	N		

* Eric Haas missed almost the entire meeting.

Attorney Dexter Lehtinen	N	Clerk Missy Arocha (acting)	N
Manager Ed Silva	Y	Planning & Zoning Darby Desalle	Y

2) Approval of Minutes:

Motioned: Suzanne

Seconded: Dan

Approved:

Unanimous	X	In favor	X	Opposed	
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3) Public Comments:

- a) Julia Cespedes visited as our first public attendee (thanks to her!)
- b) She said the public wants to know why the Village does things (example; stop sign removal on 82nd Ave), not the technical details.
- c) Just today, to further this cause, she started the *Village of Palmetto Bay Leadership thru Transparency* Facebook page to discuss why we do what we do. Not fighting. Just facts.

4) Chairman's Report:

- a) Review of Monday's Council meeting where the Partnership Business Retention representative, Dan Yglesias, did a "wonderful" presentation on the Business Satisfaction survey and asked the Council for a budget/resources for this matter. Council approved this, and as a result, Peter England is to meet with Village Manager Silva Thursday morning to take this forward.
- b) Beacon Council presentation - Paul Griegel attended from Beacon Council and is new hire to work on public outreach. States Beacon Council is at our service and that they will be working harder to reach out to the communities. Beacon Council was in Homestead to understand their resources. Paul will be doing the same for Palmetto Bay and is our designated point person. Paul will work with Susan Green (Beacon Council Marketing) to do marketing pieces for Palmetto Bay.
- c) Chairman gave Darby DelSalle floor to speak about November 8th election and annexation referendum question. He stated the Downtown Urban Village (DUV) code is flexible to allow for maximum opportunity. Palmetto Bay is working with other municipalities for rapid transit. Annexation is a critical component for rapid transit functionality and economic opportunity for downtown.

- d) Village Manager Ed Silva adds that "if it is approved, it will be years before it happens" and the "area zoning will not be transferred automatically, but rather new zoning would be developed to work in harmony with DUV."
- e) Village Manager Ed Silva states Annexation makes both sides of US-1 compatible. The annexed area currently brings \$200k in tax revenue per year. Once rezoned, it would yield \$2.5M annually.
- f) Annex area is severely underutilized. Low crime rate now. So not extra resources if brought into Palmetto Bay.
- g) Annex area is window to the transit line. Allows us to span "downtown" to rapid transit hub. Once Palmetto Bay approves this annexation, the County will need to also analyze and approve. So not a "done deal" if Palmetto Bay voters approve for annexation.

5) Sub-Committee Reports

[sub-committees are now defunct – therefore deprecated]

6) New Business

- a) Chairman asks if Hal can help get the word out about annexation. Village will soon provide Partnership with bullet points and ballot number(s). Hal says he can create flyers and perhaps Partnership members can put feet on street in lower Palmetto Bay and knock on annex area doors.
Village Manager Silva states Village can only further facts and not sway or ask for a votes in a particular direction. Hal says he should be able to do a video with facts only for distribution on WBAY. Further work will be done during next Partnership meeting.
- b) It is announced to Partnership that Sept 27 @ 6:30 p.m. - Traffic Summit at Village Hall. Good information with County included. We should try to attend.
- c) Village Manager Ed Silva announced to Partnership the County is working with Palmetto Bay to remove the light at 176th Street and Old Cutler. Other changes at 152 St. and 136 St. should "vastly improve" traffic flow.
- d) Chairman requests Partnership members should attend Taste of Palmetto Bay event October 1 6-9 p.m.
- e) Good question raised about whether we can have natural gas in the DUV area. Ed Silva and Darby to investigate further.
- f) Ben Powell has stepped down from Partnership. Eugene is looking to replace his appointment.

7) Next Meeting Date(s):

- a) Committee meeting October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edward & Arlene Feller Community Room at Ludovici Park.

8) Adjournment:

Motioned: Edward

Seconded: Dan

Approved:

Unanimous	X	In favor	X	Opposed	
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Peter England (Chairman) called the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hal Feldman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Minutes signed by Secretary