

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



The City Beautiful

To: Mayor and Commissioners
City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark **Date:** August 11, 2017

From: Commissioner Vince Lago  **Subject:** Pending City Initiatives and Creating
a City Commission Monthly Status Report

In any successful organization, tracking initiatives is crucial when trying to accomplish multiple tasks at once. For some time, there have been many items we have discussed during Commission meetings in which I feel should be tracked and the Commission should be provided periodic updates on a consistent basis. I would like to request the creation of an "Commission Initiatives List Status Report" which will include all of our initiatives and have this list updated and circulated to the commission on a monthly basis. Please refer to a similar request I made in a previous memo dated May 31, 2017 pertaining to the implementation of an online tracking tool.

I encourage you, my colleagues, to build upon the initiatives on my list and add items you believe are a priority (see list enclosed).

CC: City Clerk, Walter Foeman
Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias
Assistant City Manager, Frank Fernandez
City Attorney, Craig Leen
Deputy City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

<u>Initiative</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Notes (Budget, etc.)</u>	<u>Date of Completion</u>
Miracle Mile	Miracle Mile and Giralda Streetscape Special Commission Meeting, curbless design was agreed upon on 8/27 Special Meeting		Target Completion: early 2017
Lighting Upgrade (LED)	8/21/15 CM agreed to hire outside consultant to determine fixture type		Pending
Sustainability Plan	Resolution presented on 8/25/15 Commission Meeting for City to adopt sustainable initiatives. Educational and Marketing Component is last piece to be approval.		In Progress (Pending ACM approval)
LEED Building Development	LEED building requirements resolution approved on 8/25 Commission		Completed
Social Media	Lago sent a memo to jumpstart the initiative on 7/28/15, response to the memo was received on 7/31/15 regarding updates		Pending
Grant McFarlane	City has identified an architect and will send him the agreement approved by procurement division to begin the assessment on homes. Once the assessment is done, the process will begin. 129 Frow Avenue is the first home that will be restored.		Completed
MPO	City Attorney has been discussing the MPO process with outside counsel. To gain a seat on the MPO, cities must have over 50,000 residents every decennial census. A recount was requested at an extra cost; the City has reason to believe its population exceeds 50,000.		Completed, received on 7/27
Buy American	Resolution passed on 8/25/15 to encourage the City to purchase American products (over a certain threshold)		Drafted ordinance to reduce or eliminate solar permitting fees
Solar Initiatives	Memorandum sent on 7/08/15 encouraging the City to consider solar installations		
Recycled Products Initiative	08/25/15 resolution was passed to encourage the City to purchase recycled products		
Senior Citizen Exempted	On 11/10/15 the Commission approved an emergency ordinance to provide Senior homeowners 65+ residing in a home for 25 years and over with an income of less than 28k and exemption for home value of less than 250k		Completed
TDR Transfer	(Needs to be specified)		Completed
CCTV Implementation			In Progress
Restoration of Fountains	The restoration of the historic entrances and fountains project was redesigned and additional funding was included in this fiscal year's CIP. Currently, the redesign efforts have been completed and the documents are being packaged for procurement. PW is currently negotiating with Rosa Lowinger to provide historic restoration oversight. The completed contract documents are scheduled to be delivered to procurement by the end of October 2015 and the project will be advertised as an RFP. The award of this project is expected by February 2016 and the construction should take about six months to complete.		In Progress
Concierge Permitting Services	Pilot program has commenced and development services have serviced several residents. According to staff, the overall feedback is generally positive.		Completed
Metal Roofs			Pending
Styrofoam Cups	On October 27, a resolution was approved encouraging the City of Coral Gables' residents, businesses, vendors, and visitors to cease using and purchasing products made from expanded polystyrene, and replacing these products with reusable, recyclable, and compostable alternatives that are safer for human health and the environment.		Completed
Smart Parking			Pending
Bike Infrastructure/ Master Plan			Pending
Downtown Parking (Trucks double-parked)			Pending
Anti-crime Committee			Pending
Coral Gables Parking Code (taking away county setting up our own)			Pending
Solar Trees and Benches			Pending
Transportation Master Plan			Pending
Biltmore Restoration			Pending