

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

--MEMORANDUM--



*The City Beautiful*

**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark  
Asst. City Manager, Peter Iglesias

**FROM:** Commissioner Vince Lago

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**DATE:** August 4, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Items to Consider

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Recently, I visited the Village of Key Biscayne where I noticed minimal signage throughout the entire Village. As you are aware, the Commission has repeatedly expressed their dissatisfaction with the overabundance of signs across the City. While we continue to assess the removal of unnecessary signs, we must look at how other cities manage to accomplish less signage and review their strategies.

As reflected in the photos enclosed, the Village of Key Biscayne has impeccably manicured swales due to the lack of overflowing trash pits which not only serve as a visual nuisance, but are also a hazard to vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. We should also review street curbs. Curbing protects the grass helps lawns remain manicured.

In addition, the Village has implemented the use of significantly larger recycling bins that not only have covers which protect recycling materials from the elements and mosquitoes from breeding, but also have wheels which aid those with physical impairments and the elderly. Rather than having multiple bins, larger sized bins consolidate materials, making it easier for residents and city employees.

Last, I would like to note that the Village of Key Biscayne has launched a bike sharing program (see photo of bike enclosed), we need to expedite the process of improving our bike infrastructure.

It would be a pleasure to discuss any of these observations in more detail. I believe we should consider some, if not all of these options. Please note Key Biscayne does not have trash pits. For your reference, I am attaching the schedule for their bulk trash pick-up.



Larger Bins



Curbing Along Street



Bike Sharing



Manicured Street