

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012, 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J 11	J 11	A 11	S 11	O 11	D 11	F 12	M 12	A 12	M 12	J 12	J 12	A 12	S 12	O 12	N 12	APPOINTED BY:
Mary Young	-	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	*	P	*	P	P	E	James C. Cason
Sandra Mannis	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	*	E	E	E	Maria Anderson
Manuel Morales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	E	*	A	*	P	P	P	Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.
Bonnie Blaire	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	*	P	P	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Richard Whittington	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	*	E	*	E	E	P	Frank C. Quesada

**P - Present**  
**E - Excused Absence**  
**A - Absent**  
**(\*) No Meeting**

**STAFF:**

Ernesto Pino, Interim Public Works Director  
Lorena Garrido, Central Division Supervisor

**GUESTS:**

None.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Blaire called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

**MEETING ABSENCE:**

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Mannis were excused.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- **October 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Morales made a motion to approve the October 3, 2012 meeting minutes. Dr. Whittington seconded motion and minutes were unanimously approved.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Pino reported on numerous projects:

#### **Under design**

- 1- Citywide tree replacement
- 2- Improvements to historic monuments (entrances & fountains)
- 3- Kerdyk Tennis Center improvements
- 4- Citywide bicycle lane master plan

#### **Under construction**

- 1- LeJeune landscape raised medians
- 2- Ingraham Park development
- 3- Citywide Paving, Phase 2
- 4- Traffic Calming (various projects)
- 5- Miracle Theater marquee restoration

Dr. Whittington asked about the completion time for the bridge project, near Ingraham Park. Mr. Pino replied this is a Miami-Dade County project and that they are moving along. He added Miami-Dade County will also be re striping the area around Cartagena Circle.

Dr. Whittington inquired about the damaged "shoes" sculpture from Cartagena Circle. Mr. Pino said the sculpture has been restored and are back in Cartagena Circle. He also mentioned the City will have a rededication ceremony once Miami-Dade County completes their projects near this area.

Mrs. Blaire asked regarding the bicycle lane master plan and how the City will address the bike lanes along LeJeune, being that some of the area falls under the City of Miami's jurisdiction. Mr. Pino said there will not be any bike lanes on LeJeune Road because the road is not wide enough. He also mentioned the citywide bicycle lane master plan is still in the planning stage.

Mrs. Blaire continued to ask how bicyclist and joggers will get to and from Ingraham Park. Mr. Pino responded Miami-Dade County is a trail (Commodore Trail project), which goes south to Cutler Bay, along Old Cutler Road. He said this trail will go through Ingraham Park into the City of Miami.

Mrs. Blaire suggested the Board be informed of Ingraham Park's inauguration. Mr. Pino said he would do so.

### **BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Blaire reported Mrs. Young and her were present to accept the Disabilities Awareness Month Proclamation to be presented at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Mrs. Blaire inquired about the City's annual Board Holiday gathering. Ms. Garrido said the City is currently confirming Board members' contact information to send invites for the event. She

will follow-up to get the exact date, time and location of the event to share with members of the Board.

**CITY UPDATE:**

None.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Board member reviewed the Board's Annual Report and agreed it's ready for submittal.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board members were able to view the City's website, "Information for Persons with Disabilities" page. Ms. Garrido reviewed the contents shown on the webpage as well as the links.

Mrs. Blaire asked if additional links can be added, for example, the Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.)'s link.

Mr. Pino said requests for additional links need to go through a review and approval process. He added Maria Rosa Higgins-Fallon, Public Affairs Manager can assist with this process.

Mrs. Blaire asked if there was any information on the City's website regarding the City's parking enforcement effort. Ms. Garrido said no.

Mrs. Blaire also asked if there's any information on the Board. Ms. Garrido said no and that no City Boards have their own webpage. Mrs. Blair commented it would be good for Coral Gables' residents to have information on City Boards and their mission.

Ms. Garrido suggested for the Board to make recommendations regarding the "Information for Persons with Disabilities" webpage i.e. additional links (including links to other City departments), information, pictures for review and approval.

Mrs. Blaire suggested having a way to show the City's parks and their accessibility. This could be under Parks & Recreation or in "Information for Persons with Disabilities" webpage. Mrs. Blaire commented the Board should be able to show what they've done via this webpage through pictures or video/informational story, such as the proper use of handicap plaquards/parking enforcement, Venetian Pool lift, etc.

Mrs. Blaire also commented that the Parking Department should have information on their enforcement efforts.

Mr. Morales said that there should be, somewhere in the City's webpage, information added to show disabled persons where to park, City attractions, building accessibility and anything else related to disabled persons.

Dr. Whittington also suggested having an informative video made to show a day in a life of someone who is disabled (hearing or vision impaired, on a wheelchair, etc.) in Coral Gables. This will show how a disabled person maneuvers through the City parks, offices, elevators, and public facilities, parking.

Mr. Morales asked if high school students can do this video. Mr. Pino said that's a possibility that will need to be looked into.

Mrs. Blaire added that Mrs. Young works with graduate students who are linked with the Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.). which are working to help the center develop a business plan and projects. She said this could be another source that can be used.

Mrs. Blaire suggested that Maria Rosa Higgins-Fallon, Public Affairs Manager, be invited to the Board's meeting to discuss what the Board can and cannot do and possibly enhancing other City departments webpage.

Mrs. Blaire also suggested that Craig Leen, City Attorney also be invited.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's Conference Room*.