

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2019

5:00 PM

The Board meets the first Thursday of each month.
Coral Gables Adult Activity Center, 2 Andalusia Avenue, Coral
Senior Citizens Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

@ 5:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present:

**Celia Suarez
Edward English
Jane Mass
Joan Valdes
Julian Sevillano
Richard Thurer**

Absent:

Jim Berlin

Motion to excuse Jim Berlin absence was made by Joan Valdez and seconded by Julian Sevillano.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Richard English, seconded by Celia Suarez.

NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the start of the meeting, staff representative Mitch Zuriarrain introduced the new administrative assistant Sarah Espino and her role with the board. He then made clarifications to items that were worded incorrectly in the meeting minutes from last board meeting.

Mitch asked the Celia to step out for the board to deliberate on the appointment of the member at large. Mitch went over briefly the appointment process and that there can only be one board appointed member at a time. Motion to reappoint Board-Member-at -Large Celia Suarez was made by Joan Mass, motioned was second by Richard Thurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Jane Mass inquired about Manny Guerrero's parental leave and when he will be taking it. Mitch let the board know of the three-upper division staff members that will be out on parental leave starting sometime in November. Staff includes Carolina Vester Assistant director, Manny Guerrero Assistant Adults Activities Supervisor, and Jose Vilar the Venetian Pool Supervisor.

Mitch then continued with asking the board if they had any old business that they would like to discuss while they waited for Katherine Anderson, AAC Supervisor, who was preparing for the upcoming art show. The board will be the judges for the Senior Art Show.

Jane Mass asked about where in the accreditation process is the City for the Adult Activity Center. Mitch explained that the accreditation process is on hold while we proceed with the City's Community Recreation Master Plan. Once we receive key information from the master plan, it will entail fill large holes of required information needed in order to apply for accreditation. We hope to continue with the process the October 2020.

Jane Mass also asked about the Age Friendly Initiative. Mitch explained that he is not well versed on the matter and that once Katherine is brought up to speed, we will discuss this item at a future board meeting. Celia asked for confirmation that this would be an item to bring up with Katherine.

Mitch continued with explaining to the board how important the master plan is to both the accreditation process and all future initiatives because having the master plan will allow us to apply for future grants, obtaining funds for future projects, etc. The board was handed the Visioning Workshop flyers and agendas for their records. Mitch explained that we need the feedback from the public in order to create the best master plan possible and

encouraged the board to attend. The workshops are scheduled for October 23rd and October 24th at the Youth Center Theater. Jane asked which is the best portion for the board to attend? Mitch explained that the best portion would be the public presentations from 6pm-9pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Joan Valdes brought up the bocce ball program at the Youth Center and the desire to have a designated time for senior play and to find someone to organize a tournament. Mitch let the board know of the Special Olympics bocca team our Special Populations division put together for last season. Mitch also let the board know that pickleball courts will be added to Salvador park with the retrofitting of existing racquetball courts.

After some side conversation on surrounding parks, Mitch made mention to the newly acquired parks the City has recently purchased. The proposed timeline for building out any of these parks will be on a five-year scope in order to have them budgeted, design plans created, and fully constructed. With the acquisition of these 3 new parks in the Granada area to US1, everyone in the city will have a park within a 5-minute walking distance to their homes.

Julian Sevillano wanted to commend the City on an excellent job of the Western Round-up and he had a lot of fun.

Jane Mass and Jim Berlin would like to have a City staff member come to the next board meeting to inquire more about the results of the City-Wide Survey that was conducted. Mitch will try to coordinate with Solanch Lopez from the City's Managers office who is now overseeing the survey to come to the November board meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2019 @ 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for adjournment was made by Richard Thurer, seconded by Joan Valdes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM

NOTE