

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of May 12, 2009 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS		S	O	N	D	D	J	J	F	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY
Michael Levenstein		V	V	V	V	V	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	Mayor Slesnick
Ramon Diaz		P	N	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P	Vice-Mayor Kerdyk
Leigh Cooper-Peabody		P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Anderson
Alexandra Morales		V	V	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Cabrera
Kyle Parker		P	N	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	A	P	Commissioner Withers
Bria Dewberry		V	V	V	V	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager Maria Jimenez
Carolina Valdes-Lora		P	N	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Recreation Advisory Board

A = Absent
C = Cancelled
E = Excused absence
P = Present
N = No quorum
R = Recessed
S = Sick

STAFF:

Luanne Santangelo
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

GUESTS:

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **Old Business**
 - a. Playful City USA – The application has been submitted. We are now waiting for approval by the organization for designation as a “Playful City”. If approved the Play Day will be scheduled for September of 2010.
 - b. Relay for Life – The event has been re-categorized for 2009 to a Virtual Relay. All fundraising by teams will be conducted online. The RFL committee will now focus their attention to the 2010 Coral Gables Relay for Life.
3. **New Business**
 - a. The Board discussed goals for the next year. The following goals were established:
 1. To be more well known in the community. The Board will take an active role in introducing themselves and their purpose to the Coral Gables community, specifically the youth they are to represent.
 2. The Board will become a part of the Mentorship Program at the Youth Center assisting the afterschool participants with home work etc. The goal to start building relationships with the youth they represent.

3. The Board will begin to talk to their peers regarding volunteering throughout the community, developing a list of potential volunteers.
4. The Board will continue to explore opportunities for youth to participate in that will provide a positive experience and environment.

4. Board Appointees

Those Board members who have completed their term and no longer eligible to serve, were recognized and thanked for the work on the Youth Advisory Board. L. Cooper-Peabody, C. Valdes-Lora and M. Levenstein will be graduating this month and moving on to college.

- 5. Date and time of next meeting** –The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Board will be held in August of 2009. Specific date to be determined.

- 6. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.