

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011, 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

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

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

STAFF:

Glenn R. Kephart, Public Works Director
 Lorena Garrido, Central Division Supervisor

GUESTS:

Kevin Kinney, Parking Department Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Blaire called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MEETING ABSENCE:

None.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- **September 7, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Mannis made a motion to approve the September 7, 2011 meeting minutes. Dr. Whittington seconded motion and they were unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Discussion: City's website pertaining to disability issues (for updating purposes)

Ms. Garrido informed the website has been updated according to the Board's recommendation that included adding the Community Resource Guide as a link to the City's website, removing the Department of Justice's link as well as the Child with Special Needs title. She also stated the Miami-Dade Transportation link was corrected. Mrs. Blaire thanked all those involved in making these updates happen so quickly.

Mrs. Young reported she and Dr. Whittington accepted the National Disability Month's proclamation at the City Commission. She stated Mrs. Niles Keric and daughter, Mine were present.

Mrs. Young discussed the possibility of establishing an interest/focus group with the assistance of Mr. Alessandri to assist families with young disabled adults (over 19 years old). She said she would like to target these families to find their needs and if there's interest.

BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:

None.

CITY UPDATE:

None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

None.

DISABLED PARKING ENFORCEMENT PATROL:

- Guest – Kevin Kinney, Parking Department Director

Mr. Kinney reported the Parking Department received approval for a part-time Parking Enforcement Officer and a possible volunteer. He added there's not a particular officer assigned to disabled spaces enforcement, however he has encouraged all to make this a priority. Mr. Kinney mentioned this year they have issued more disabled spaces related citations than any other year. In addition, he said this year, the Parking Department has confiscated approximately 120 wrongfully used disabled placards.

Mr. Kephart asked what the fine for misusing placards is. Mr. Kinney responded if a Parking Enforcement Officer issues the citation, it would be \$150.00. However, if a Police Officer issues the citation, it would be significantly more up to a misdemeanor.

Mrs. Blaire asked if the Parking Department is able to do enforcement on private parking lots such as the Publix lot. Mr. Kinney replied some enforcement is done but not on a regular basis. He also mentioned historically this type of enforcement was not done by paid Enforcement Officers, but by volunteers. He said if the Board thought this type of enforcement needs more attention, he suggested for the Board as well as the Parking Advisory Board be supportive of this effort. Mr. Kephart said if a system is developed, it needs to be equitable for all businesses. Dr. Whittington added there are high volume parking lots where there are more violations than other parking lots and these need to be focused on.

Mrs. Blaire asked the Board to give a vote of confidence for the Parking Department to focus on disabled parking enforcement of private parking lots. All members were in favor.

Mrs. Blaire inquired about funds received as a result of reimbursement from Miami-Dade County for collected fines and how to ensure the Board was able to access the funds for programs. Mr. Kephart suggested for the Board to make recommendations of specific initiatives for discussion with the City Manager.

Mrs. Blaire asked for members to think about initiatives for the Board to undertake and be ready for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Blaire mentioned that in the previous meeting there was discussion of forming a possible advisory panel and the Board needs to discuss this to make this happen. She also stated the Board needs to identify a population group for the Board to serve. Mrs. Blaire suggested Mrs. Young to ask Mrs. Keric to assist the Board in identifying a population group by targeting different agencies such as Easter Seals, CARD, Lighthouse for the Blind, Cerebral Palsy, Miami Project. Mrs. Young said she would start this process. Mrs. Blaire also asked Dr. Whittington to assist with this from a medical level. Dr. Whittington suggested contacting Mrs. Laura Rodriguez, (Public Education Specialist, Coral Gables Fire Department) for possible input as well. Mrs. Mannis added she has a contact from Miami Children's Hospital, Dr. Simpser, she would like to invite to the next Board meeting who may also be helpful.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Blaire mentioned the Board's Annual Report needs to be drafted for review and submission in 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's Conference Room*.