

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, July 11, 2018, 2018 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Blake Sando	*	P	P	P	P	P	P						Vince Lago
Shedrick Boren	*	A	P	E	P	E	P						Mayor Raul Fauli-Valdes
Patricia Sowers	*	P	E	P	P	P	E						Patricia Keon
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	P	P	P	P						Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	P	P	P	P	P						Michael Mena

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

STAFF:

1. Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management / ADA Coordinator
2. Eglys Hernandez, Labor Relations and Risk Management

GUEST:

None

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Debbie Dietz

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order 8:01am

MEETING ABSENCE:

Ms. Patricia Sowers advised unable to attend

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

May 2, 2018

June 6, 2018

Motion by: Ms. Whitehurst / 2nd: Dr. Whittington / All approved unanimously

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update reference Disability Awareness Event – October 2018

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised date for Disability Awareness Event has been set for October 13, 2018, 10:00am to 2:00pm and named *Adventure Day for Everyone – Embracing People of All Abilities*.

Ms. Blaire advised that the City of Coral Gables has been hosting for several years an association called Association of Agencies (AOA), which provide disability services in Miami-Dade County and may be of assistance in facilitating this upcoming event. Dr. Whittington stated it would be great to have one of the members of AOA attend a future Board meeting.

Mr. Boren suggested having music at the event. Ms. Whitehurst suggested that there be activities and resources for young adults as well as young children. Ms. Blaire suggested that Parks & Recreation department reach out to members of the community who have expertise regarding assuring accessibility to all.

Mr. Sando stated that it would be a good idea to have someone from the Parks & Recreation Department come to next Board meeting in order to provide update regarding October event.

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised Board to send emails to her regarding any suggestions so that she can then forward to proper personnel in the Parks & Recreation department.

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised Board of upcoming Inclusive Sensory Friendly Family Showing & Resource Fair at the Coral Gables Art Cinema September 22, 2018, 11:00am as well as a quick overview of other events and services available.

Social Club for Adults with Disabilities – Ms. Blaire on behalf of Ms. Sowers

Ms. Blaire advised they are almost at 20 participants at this time. Ms. Blaire stated that Mr. Desrouleaux, Adult Activities Supervisor, has been wonderful providing assistance. Ms. Blaire stated that they have created a system which facilitates future meetings and teaches leadership skills.

Supper Club

Ms. Dietz stated upcoming Supper Club will be in August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Business Award

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated staff is working on finalizing standards to be utilized in order to identify businesses that exemplify inclusive and accessible practices by employing people with disabilities, maintaining accessible structures, systems and practices or through community involvement and present them with an award in October.

Ms. Dietz suggested that the committee include a member of the disability community.

NEXT MEETING:

August 1, 2018

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:43am

Motion by: Dr. Whittington / 2nd: Ms. Whitehurst / All approved unanimously