

**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Minutes of April 7, 2009 meeting  
 Coral Gables Youth Center

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>
Michael Levenstein	V	V	V	V	V	P	P	P	P	E	A		Mayor Slesnick
Ramon Diaz	P	N	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	A		Vice-Mayor Kerdyk
Leigh Cooper-Peabody	P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		Commissioner Anderson
Alexandra Morales	V	V	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P		Commissioner Cabrera
Kyle Parker	P	N	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	A		Commissioner Withers
Bria Dewberry	V	V	V	V	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		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

Roxana Gonzalez

Youth Center Supervisor

**GUESTS:**

Commissioner Ralph Cabrera

Juan Diaz-Padron, Former Chair

Youth Advisory Board

**1. Meeting Called to Order** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

**2. Introduction of Honored Guest** – L. Cooper-Peabody introduced Commissioner Cabrera. Commissioner Cabrera spoke about his experience as a Commissioner; he encouraged the Board to be involved in the Community and the impact they can have; he invited the Board to “shadow” their representative at an upcoming Commission meeting; and Commissioner Cabrera answered questions from the Board.

**3. Old Business**

- a. Playful City USA – The Board was informed that the Department Director is completing the application for the Playful City USA designation. After completion and approval of the application process the Board can proceed with the planning of the Play Day.
- b. Relay for Life – The Board discussed briefly the event and the activity they may conduct during the event.

**4. New Business**

- a. Future Plans for the Youth Advisory Board – Chair Leigh Cooper asked the Board to think about the future direction of the Advisory Board and to be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
- b. Ms. Santangelo distributed information regarding the Miami-Dade County Teen Court.

5. **Date and time of next meeting** –The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Board will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Coral Gables Youth Center

6. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.