

# CORAL GABLES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE EXCERPTS

March 10, 2009

	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY:
<b>MEMBERS</b>											
Andrew Yagoda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Donald Slesnick, Jr.
Joan Reitsma	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Victor Shabanah			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	City Manager David Brown
Pat Kiel	P	E	P	P	E	P	E	A	P	P	Crime Watch
Barbra Harley	E	E	P	P	P		E	P	P	P	Commissioner Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera
Doug Austin						P	E	P	A	E	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Anna Rodriguez	P	P	P	P	*					P	PMS
Dr. Nestor Diaz	A	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	CGHS
Debbie Korge	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Wayne "Chip" Withers

A =Absent      E = Excused      P = Present      \* = Resigned      \*\*=no meeting

**STAFF: Sgt. M. DeJong, and Recording Secretary Anna Garcia**

## GUESTS:

Dr. Nestor Diaz, Assistant Principal on behalf of Coral Gables High School  
Anna Rodriguez, Principal of Ponce de Leon Middle School

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**Florida Power and Light:** Discussion ensued regarding the potential route that Florida Power and Light is studying to add transmission lines through the City of Coral Gables. Ms. Sharon Watson brought this information to the committee and she mentioned that it was premature but this could impact greatly the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Coral Gables residents.

Discussion ensued regarding that on the map provided there were other possible route alternatives that would be more suitable. Members acknowledged the importance of health and safety for the children who attend the city's public schools. Members were concerned that if these transmission lines were added it would interfere with the beauty, business, and the community life of the city.

A motion was made Member Andrew Yagoda which he stated that "Acknowledging the importance of our children's health, welfare and safety, in an effort to avoid missed opportunities to discuss and understand the issues related to FPL's Turkey Point 6 & 7 Transmission Improvement Project ("Project") and alternative proposal to place power lines adjacent to the city's public schools, acknowledging the continued debate of whether electro-magnetic forces emanating from power lines causes cancer and other health related issues, a motion is hereby made recommending that the City Commission request the City Attorney to engage FPL in open and preemptive dialogue prior to making a final decision of where and how to place new proposed power lines stemming from FPL's Project. Motion was seconded by Joan Reitsma. Motion passed unanimously.