



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017

ITEM TITLE:

Recognition of the Coral Gables Parks & Recreation Department for receiving "Accreditation Status" from the National Recreation and Parks Association, awarded on October 4th, 2016 in St. Louis, Missouri.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Coral Gables Community Recreation Department has been re-accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. This serves as the Department's 4th successful re-accreditation process.

The Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) accredits park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. Charged with providing high quality services and experiences, park and recreation agencies across the United States turn to CAPRA Accreditation as a credible and efficient means of achieving these goals, while providing assurance to the public that the agency meets national standards of best practice.

In order to reach accreditation, the agency must show documented evidence of compliance of 151 National Standards that cover all facets of parks and recreation operations including administration, planning, personnel, finance and maintenance. For re-accreditation, agencies must show continued compliance and effective performance of the national standard requirements.

Coral Gables Parks and Recreation was the 20th agency in the country to achieve accreditation when it first went through the process in 2001. In the last 15 years, the Department (now Coral Gables Community Recreation) has continued to meet national standards and perform best practices through three re-accreditation assessments.

ATTACHMENT(S): CAPRA Letter/Certificate of Recognition