

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, May 2, 2018 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

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

1. Mr. Kevin Kinney, Director, Parking
2. Ms. Carolina Vester, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Debbie Dietz

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 8:03am.

MEETING ABSENCE:

None

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

April 4, 2018

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update regarding Resolution – City of Coral Gables to Host and/or Organize Disability Awareness Event during Disability Month – October 2018

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that after further reviewing the resolution that was passed by this Board requesting that the City host and organize Jonathon’s Day (or a similar type event), because the recommendation requires Community Recreation resources to organize, fund, and present the event, the resolution should go before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to explore the concept before it is placed on the Agenda for the City Commission meeting.

Mr. Sando stated that he would be present and would like to know what discussion will entail. Ms. Vester stated they have been tasked and a draft has been done in regards to what the cost of taking on such an event would be. Ms. Vester stated these funds have not been budgeted and the Parks & Recreation Board needs to review in order to determine if funds are allocated for this event that the funds are utilized in the best way possible.

Ms. Vester stated that one of the highest costs of the event would be the run component due to the cost of needed police, fire safety, permits, etc.

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated the City is very excited in regards to moving forth with an event like this however, the City has concerns with organizing and hosting the event for Jonathan’s Day as the City has not hosted and organized an event for another entity in the past and the City is not in the business of hosting and organizing events for specific organizations. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that Jonathan’s Day as well as other organizations such as DIG, CARD and other organizations would be invited to participate. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that staff’s recommendation will be to proceed with a City organized event which will be inclusive and include any organization that wishes to participate.

Supper Social Club

Ms. Dietz provided flyer regarding the next three upcoming Supper Social Club events scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2018, Monday, June 4, 2018 and Monday, August 6, 2018, 6:30pm-8:30pm at California Pizza Kitchen (CPK). Ms. Dietz advised that the one for Monday, May 7, 2018 is tied with Connect Miami – 10 days of connection which is a very large event sponsored by Miami Foundation United Way, Children’s Trust and other organizations. Ms. Dietz stated that it provides the opportunity to visit other areas of Miami such as have dinner in Coral Gables and then have dinner in Little Haiti as a way to connect communities.

Mr. Sando stated that at CARD they have discussed tying one of their events to one of the Supper Social Club Event. Ms. Dietz stated they are always welcome to do so.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking Fines Program

Mr. Kevin Kinney, Director, Parking addressed Board regarding Parking Fine Program with the County. Mr. Kinney advised that the funds to be received this year are going to be bit more than in the past and those funds are to be used either on ADA infrastructure improvements or ADA education. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that the check had been received and it was a little over \$18,000.00.

Mr. Sando asked in regards to how were the funds utilized last year. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated City utilized the funds to obtain Close Captioning for all Commission meetings and City meetings which are televised.

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated City has also conducted a self-audit of all City facilities in order to identify improvements necessary in order to make them ADA accessible. Ms. Blaire asked if the self-audit can be shared with the Board and Dr. Whittington stated that perhaps it would be best to have a representative from the departments involved to attend future Board meetings to discuss the ADA self-audit.

Mr. Kinney stated that one of the things which he has proposed for FY 2019 is request for additional funds for enforcement officers in order to assure enforcement of ADA spaces on private properties.

Ms. Blaire stated that she has received complaints in regards to Trolley #18, were patrons are having difficulty maneuvering themselves when trying to enter. Mr. Kinney stated that this trolley is actually a bus which is owned by County and City has it for the next ten years. Mr. Kinney stated that they are aware of it. Mr. Kinney stated that about two years ago the City made a conscious choice when needing to purchase new trolleys to purchase lower floor trollies. Ms. Blaire asked how many trolleys the City have. Mr. Kinney stated the City has 13 trollies, 2 recently retired, 3 which have actually have lift and rest of fleet is lower floor.

Inclusive Sensory Friendly Family Showing & Resource Fair

Ms. Vester provided flyers regarding upcoming City event in conjunction with Coral Gables Art Cinema. Ms. Vester stated that City will not be charging participants who wish to have booth at this event and City will be providing the chairs as well as tables.

Ms. Patricia Sowers – Friend’s Club

Ms. Sowers provided copies of flyer and advised Board in regards to its 2nd upcoming meeting at the Coral Gables Adult Activities Center on Thursday, May 3, 2018 6pm to 8pm.

Mr. Shedrick Boren – Capital One Event – Wednesday, May 2, 2018 6:30pm

Mr. Boren advised that he is also part of a group called LEAP which goes into women’s prison to educate them in order to reduce recidivism and they are having an event at Capital One on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:30pm regarding the hiring of ex-felons and why it makes business sense, helping with reducing recidivism, etc.

Email received from Mr. Sam Joseph

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that Mr. Joseph emailed Mr. Sando in regards to having a member of the Advisory Board on Disability Affairs participate at their next meeting. Mr. Sando stated that he believes it is in regards on how to best proceed with use of funds received from Commissioner Sosa. Mr. Sando stated he believes it would be best if going forth there could be an interchange of members attending each other's meetings. Mr. Sando asked if City has identified property and if it is looking at purchasing or leasing. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised that City is currently looking at two locations. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that the City would be purchasing the facility and then partnering up with an organization which will be running the program.

NEXT MEETING:

June 6, 2018

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 09:04am

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

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