

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item D-1
October 27, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Public Speaker(s)

Ruth Jacobs, Member of Women's Cancer Association UM

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Update on the progress of the University of Miami Women's Cancer Association
by Ruth Jacobs and Judy Ashworth.

Mayor Cason: Personal Appearance: We have an update on the progress of the University of Miami's Women's Cancer Association by Ruth Jacobs and Judy Ashworth.

Ms. Jacobs: I'm Ruth Jacobs, 1010 South Alhambra Circle, a very proud resident of the City of Coral Gables, also a proud long time member of the Women's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. You may know that Judy Ashworth was to join me today, but she sent a message because she is the President of the Founding Chapter of the University of Miami Women's Cancer Association and that of course happened in Coral Gables that's why that's significant, but also we have a planned City here and that's what I'm most proud of that when we

have progress its also planned, so that it carries out the significant uniqueness of this City, with the density and the height of the buildings, of space so that we have park land, that's all what we are very proud of; and then I think most of us know that on April 13, 1925, as George Merrick referred to it, the crowning glory of the City Beautiful had its groundbreaking, the Biltmore Hotel, and that served of course as a spotlight for this City all over the country and the world, so that was great, most of us know about that. I'm not sure everyone know that it was also the birth place of the first medical school in Florida, and that was during the tenure in that building of the veterans hospital and after much negotiation and trial and so forth, that opened in 1952. Madelyn Ravlin, who was chosen at the County as outstanding woman at one time was also long time resident of Coral Gables and their company, the Ravlin Company did one of those canals that we all are aware of just north of Sunset. She was the Founding President of the Women's Cancer Association and that, as I said, began there at the Biltmore, because that was the veterans hospital, that was the founding of the medical school. Then that began in 1959 with 28 members, \$13 in the treasury and as of last year, the Women's Cancer Association had raised over \$12 million for cancer research, so we are going strong; and the extra reason just to remind you that we are proud of that association being founded in Coral Gables and continuing to strength the City of Coral Gables as well as cancer research. So we have also another member of the City – look fragile little lady, little red head, Mary Nolan, and she survived four different kinds of cancer, the fifth one we lost her. So she was the Chairman for many years of an event in November, fundraiser, that was her life, she was the President of this association two times treasurer, but we lost her. So to honor her and with the kind of celebration that she would like is a fundraiser and fun, and I would like to, if I may, give each of you just some information about that event which will be Friday the 13th of November, so we are going to make Friday the 13th lucky and we are going to remember Mary. So, if I may, I would like to give you these and thank you and continue making our City special and supporting our health and our future.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Appreciate it.

[Applause]

Ms. Jacobs: I also have to say quickly that we may lose Coral Gablites from time to time but they always come back, Cathy is a wonderful example.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

[End: 9:48:46 a.m.]