

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2017

5:00 PM

427 Biltmore Way, 2nd Floor Conference Room

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee

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Chairperson Patricia Fuller
Vice Chair Sarah Artecona
Board Member Erick Fernandez
Board Member Elisabeth Gallagher
Board Member Philip Kates
Board Member Belinda Sime
Board Member David Rivero
Board Member Frank Rosell
Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely
Interfraternity Council President
President of Student Government

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Chairperson, Patricia Fuller.

ROLL CALL

Gilbert Arias was present at meeting on behalf of Dr. Patricia Whitely. Elisabeth Gallagher resigned as a member of the Committee as she moved out of town. A new member appointee is pending.

Present: 4 - Board Member Sime, Chairperson Fuller, Vice-Chairperson Artecona and Board Member of Student Government

Absent: 3 - Board Member Rosell, Board Member Gallagher and Board Member Fernandez

Excused: 4 - Board Member Kates, Board Appointee Council President, Board Member Rivero and Board Member Whitely

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

16-5671

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee meeting of October 24, 2016

Attachments: OCTOBER 24, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Sime, seconded by Board Member of Student Government, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 4 - Board Member Sime, Vice-Chairperson Artecona, Board Member of Student Government and Chairperson Fuller

Absent: 3 - Board Member Rosell, Board Member Gallagher and Board Member Fernandez

Excused: 4 - Board Member Kates, Board Appointee Council President, Board Member Rivero and Board Member Whitely

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on University of Miami Planning and Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

The City and the University shared accomplishments of the past year and of future goals at the 6th Joint Development Agreement Annual meeting held in January.

The 2017 Mobility Plan will be submitted to the City on June 1st. The mobility strategies have continued to keep traffic levels steady around the Campus. These strategies include car sharing, bikes and shuttles. The Fall

2016 traffic counts reflect a decrease in traffic of 1.3% in the mornings and 1.7% in the evenings. An increase of Uber and Lyft drivers have been noticed around the Campus.

The City Commission approved a revised alignment to the Internal Road Phase II project. Additional green space has been allocated to the arboretum. Parking lots east of the Campus will be modified to interconnect the three sections and one access point to Pisano will be eliminated. Sidewalks, trees and lighting on Pisano will be added along the University property line. \$250,000 to the City for public realm improvements in the neighboring area will be decided amongst neighbors, the City and the University. The road and Pisano improvements will commence in the summer with an expected completion date of no later than December 31, 2017.

The Lennar Foundation Medical Center and Central Energy Plant and the Merrick Garage projects have been completed. Current projects under construction are the Merrick Street and Levante extension, the School of Nursing Simulation Hospital, and the Hecht Athletic Center Facade renovation. The Miller BuildLab, the Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building, Student Housing, and the Indoor Practice Facility will be permitted soon. A Music Building and a Science Building are future projects in the early stages of planning.

The BankUnited Center has been renamed The Watsco Center.

Update on University of Miami Events, Sarah Artecona

A community event at the Lennar Medical Center in January attracted 2,000 visitors.

The University is hosting a Coral Gables candidate elections forum at The Watsco Center. The event is sponsored by the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce.

Spring Break is the week of March 11th through the 19th.

The Pedestrian Overpass Dedication Event will be held at the University Station on April 17th.

The University's men's and women's basketball teams will play post season in the NCAA Tournament. Baseball season is underway. Free tickets are available for residents (four tickets per household) for four baseball games.

Development Agreement Events are scheduled for March 15th - Music in the Arboretum with Big City Folk Band, March 23rd - Peter Holland will be the guest lecturer and will present William Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies, and March 27th - Meet the Docs - Siddhartha Mukherjee - Can We THINK Our Way Out of Cancer? 500-600 neighbors receive the e-Newsletter highlighting spring events.

A long-term project under the metrorail is being discussed and considered.

Update by the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely

Gilbert Arias gave an update on behalf of Dr. Patricia Whitely.

The Get Out To Vote effort went well and encouraged students to vote on November's presidential election. The polling site on Campus was successful in attracting large number of students to vote.

The Fall Commencement was a success. Housing is improving and everyone is excited with all the changes taking place. This will also reassure students on the advantages of living on Campus.

Update by the President of Interfraternity Council, Maxwell Detweiler

Vikesh Patel, Student Government President, gave an update on behalf of Maxwell Detweiler.

Recruitment for Greek Life went well. Greek Week, the week-long philanthropy for all Greek Life, raised and will donate \$50,000 to the United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida.

Update by the President of Student Government, Vikesh Patel

SG continues to work with the University to provide free metrorail passes to students who take classes and/or do research at the Medical Campus or the downtown area. This service has helped alleviate traffic in the neighboring areas of the Campus as well as provide students with academic opportunities.

SG is still working to implement a bike share program on Campus as that will be beneficial to the health of the Cane's family and alleviate traffic around the University area.

Over 2,500 students were registered to vote for the November presidential election. A watch party was held at the Rathskeller that was nationally broadcasted on ABC.

On April 1st, Bark in the Park will be held and proceeds will be donated to

the Humane Society of Greater Miami.

Students eagerly await the completion of the US1 overpass which has an expected completion date of April 17, 2017. This will ensure the safety of the student body and of the local community.

An Earth Day, April 21st, celebration will be held and participants will gather and hold hands around the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestions for locations to hold future meetings was requested.

Information on pending and upcoming University Building Recertifications was provided to the University members.

Ms. Fuller suggested the City hold a Mommy / Son Dance event similar to the Daddy / Daughter Dance held last year. City staff will email the Parks & Recreation Department and forward the suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm by Chairperson, Patricia Fuller. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017.

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MEMBERS	J	F	M6	A	M	J	J	A	S	O2	N	D	APPOINTMENT
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Belinda Sime	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mayor Jim Cason
Frank A. Rosell	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Pending Appointment	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Patricia C. Fuller	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick
Philip C. Kates	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Commissioner Vince Lago
Erick A. Fernandez	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Dr. Patricia A. Whitely	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice President for Student Affairs, UM
David A. Rivero	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Director of Public Safety, UM
Sarah N. Artecona	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Assistant Vice President of Government & Community Relations, UM
Maxwell Detweiler	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Interfraternity Council President, UM
Vikesh Patel	-	-	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	President of Student Government. UM

P = Present
 E = Excused
 C = Meeting Cancelled

City Staff:
 Virginia Goizueta, Building Service Coordinator
 Belkys Garcia, Plans Coordinator Assistant

Attachments:

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 Summary Minutes