

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

4:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/82882960727>

Coral Gables Country Club

Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board

Chairperson Don Slesnick III
Vice Chairperson Ruben Rodriguez
Board Member Isis Arenas
Board Member Sherry Celesia
Board Member Pedro Izaguirre
Board Member George Navarro
Board Member Albert Sanchez

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 – Board member Sherry Celesia, Board member Albert Sanchez, Board member Isis Arenas, Chair Don Slesnick III, Board member George Navarro and Vice-Chair Ruben Rodriguez

Excused: 1 - Board member Peter Izaguirre

Staff - Director Danelle Escobar, Assistant City Manager Carolina Vester, Assistant Director Sarah Espino, Administrative Analyst Ann Del Valle, Venue Manager Valerie Pinon, Athletic Club Manager Carlos Llompart

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER ALBERT SANCHEZ AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SHERRY CELESIA. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Introduction of new Country Club Administrative Analyst - Ann Del Valle

The board members were provided with a brief introduction by The Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Division Director, Danella Escobar regarding the newly appointed The Coral Gables Golf and Country Administrative Analyst, Ann Del Valle.

a. General Country Club Division Updates –

The board members were provided with an updated presentation on the Financial Review of Coral Gables Golf and Country Club for the second quarter of FY25 by Assistant City Manager Carolina Vester.

• Athletic Club

A paper report was provided to the board members by the Athletic Club Manager, Carlos Llompart, regarding the latest updates of the athletic club.

• Venue

The board received a paper report from the Venue Manager, Valerie Pinon, regarding the venue's operations last month.

• Le Parc Café

Assistant City Manager Carolina Vester proceeded by updating the board members on the cafe at Le Parc.

• Upcoming CIP Projects

The board received information from Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Division Director Danella Escobar regarding CIP projects that will conclude the tower, windows, doors, and other areas at the club.

b. Event Updates

• New Event Ideas

Board members discussed possible new event ideas including fitness-related events.

• Upcoming Events

The Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Division Director Danella Escobar continued with the forthcoming event for the month of May, Coral Gables Coral Gables Open House - Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. and Patriotic BBQ - Sunday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m.

c. General Community Recreation Updates:

Forthcoming event for the month of May, Coral Gables Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival - Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m. and Memorial Day Ceremony - Monday, May 26 at 9 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant City Manager Carolina Vester mentioned Fee Schedules.

Board member Sanchez would like staff to generate a bar graph of general expenditures/revenues.

Babies at the age of 1 year or less should not be getting charged to enter the poolside of Athletic Club.

Assistant Director Sarah Espino confirmed the card reader will be installed and ready for use as soon as possible near the Athletic Club's entrance.

A MOTION TO CONDUCT A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON FEES CHARGED AT OTHER GYMS BY BOARD MEMBER GEORGE NAVARRO AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ALBERT SANCHEZ. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

Board member Sanchez brought up creating the four swimming lanes this year. Athletic Club Manager Llompart advised it has not been brought up but it can possibly be incorporated if there is an appetite for it in the future.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Next meeting date is Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER RUBEN RODRIGUEZ AT 5:10 P.M., AND WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ISIS ARENAS; ALL VOTED IN FAVOR UNANIMOUSLY.

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