

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014, 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	A 13	M 13	J 13	J 13	A 13	S 13	O 13	N 13	D 13	J 14	F 14	M 14	A 14	APPOINTED BY:
Sally Baumgartner	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	E	*	P	P	P	James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	*	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
William Beckham	*	-	-	-	E	E	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Bonnie Blaire	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada

**P – Present**  
**E – Excused Absence**  
**A – Absent**  
**(-) – No Appointment**  
**(\*) – No Meeting**

**STAFF:**

Lorena Garrido, Central Division Supervisor

**GUESTS:**

Kevin Kinney, Parking Department Director  
Robert Lowman, Fire Department Division Chief  
Nichole Somarriba, Fire Department Secretary  
Lucy Binhack, Miami-Dade County Parks & Recreation

**CITIZEN ADVISORS:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Blaire called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**MEETING ABSENCE:** None.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- **March 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Baumgartner moved to approve the March 5, 2014 meeting minutes. Mrs. Sowers second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None.

**BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:** None.

**CITY UPDATE:** None.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Mrs. Baumgartner provided information of a website: Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS.org) which provides information on accessible pedestrian signals and contractors. She suggested for the City to think about using the parking fines reimbursement fund to install some of these on Miracle Mile. Ms. Garrido mentioned that crosswalk signals are under Miami-Dade County (MDC) jurisdiction and therefore this request will need to go through MDC.

**PROGRAM:**

- Parking Enforcement Program by *Kevin Kinney, Parking Department Director*

Mr. Kinney reported that their enforcements efforts continue and that to date, approximately 100 placards have been confiscated for misuse and through February 2014 they issued 204 citations for disabled parking violations. He also mentioned that during Fiscal Year 2011-2012, the City collected \$15,890 from Miami-Dade County's Parking Fines Reimbursement Program.

- Fire Department Programs & Protocols by *Robert Lowman, Division Chief and Nichole Somarriba, Secretary*

Division Chief Lowman reported that the City's Fire Department provides information and fire safety training to the community. By doing this, they become aware of those individuals who may require special assistance during emergency situations. Ms. Somarriba also keeps in touch with condo associations and property managers for this information.

The Division Chief mentioned that the Fire Department is looking into training opportunities such as learning to sign, for all of their staff. Mrs. Blaire suggested that in the meantime they could look into the City's sign language interpreter service contract already in place. In addition, there's also an audio visual component (tablets) which may assist in emergency situations. Other training they would like to look into for their first responders is how to handle individuals with disabilities.

Mrs. Blaire stated the Board could assist with disseminating information to the community if the Fire Department provides the programs and/or information.

- Miami-Dade Parks & Recreation by *Lucy Binhack, Disability Services Manager*

Ms. Binhack provided information of Miami-Dade County's parks and programs for disabled children. She will provide brochures with this information to keep in the Youth Center as well.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.*