

City of Coral Gables

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Friday, January 19, 2018

8:15 AM

The Board meets the thrid Friday of
every month.

Coral Gables Youth Center, 405
University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134

CALL TO ORDER

@ 8:15am

ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Menendez, Felix Pardo, Nancy Leslie, Deborah Swain

Excused Abscence: Charlie Rua, Desmond Gonzalez, Carlos Hernandez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Felix Pardo motioned to approve the minutes this was seconded by Deborah Swain. The board voted in favor of the motion unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cepero Park- Finalizing construction completion

Maggiore park- Procurement Phase

Venetia Park- Final construction plans being completed

Catalonia Park- Final construction plans being completed

Marlin Park- Final construction plans being completed

Sarto Green Space- Final construction plans being completed

Catalonia Park (Turtle Park)- Final construction plans being completed

Parks & Recreation Master Plan- Going into procurement bid phase, Fred asked in there would be volunteers in the committee to evaluate the vendors who bid on this project. The

Phillips Park Field Lighting project: has been completed, after January 20th the lights will be on every day and be dimmer during the evenings. The lights that have been installed at Phillips park because of them being LED and the newest technology allow for very limited spill over into the surrounding neighborhood. The board suggested that post hurricane Irma for the lighting contractor (Musco lighting) to analyze and adjust the lighting at the Youth Center if needed.

Betsy Adams & the Garden Club Park: Nancy Leslie brought up the topic of Betsy's disappointment with the park citing specifically that she was disappointed because some items are missing that were initially promised. Fred mentioned that discussions at the City Management and City Commission level, to put some items back into the park plan and that the Parks Department has begun to order picnic tables, benches, signs and other park ornaments for the grand opening. Fred also mentioned that City staff will be reaching out to Betsy Adams and her family to work on a possible ribbon cutting day. Also that there may be a second phase to add more items to the park at a later time.

Fred discussed naming of triangular lot in front of Venetian Pool (Mrs.Lemar

Louise Curry park) which will be presented to the board at the next meeting. Board will receive application at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on competitive soccer making resident versus non-resident 50/50 percentage wise.

At large member was nominated and presented by Kirk Menendez. Nominee is Wilfredo "Wifi" Fernandez.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on relocation of the Christmas tree during the holiday season of 2017, Felix Pardo explained that he did not understand how the decision was made to move the tree and the reasons behind this. His opinion stems from his architectural perspective which severely impacted the view from Le Jeune Road and Miracle Mile. The board wanted again to make sure the displacement of the tree never happens again.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Date & Time of next meeting:

Feb. 16th 2018 @ 8:15am

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE