

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of November 20, 2009 meeting  
Coral Gables Youth Center  
405 University Drive

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Joan I. Valdes	R	P	P	P	P	R							Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Valerie Gelnovatch	V	V	V	P	E	R							Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Emilio Monte	R	P	P	P	P	R							Comm. Maria Anderson
Jorge Guarch	R	P	P	E	P	R							Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Marty Steinberger	R	P	P	E	P	R							Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Martha Serola	R	E	E	P	P	R							City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Manny Seage	R	P	P	E	P	R							Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A = Absent  
C = Cancelled  
E = Excused absence  
P = Present  
N = No quorum  
R = Recessed  
S = Sick  
V = Vacant position

**STAFF:**

Fred Couceyro  
Parks & Recreation Director

Tricia Spencer  
Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:**

1. Joan Valdes called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Approval of Board minutes from October 23, 2009 meeting – Joan Valdes – A motion was made by Dr. Manny Seage to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2009. Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Update on Board Items to City Commission – Staff

Fred gave a presentation to the City Commission about the seniors and the programs; when the senior programs first started there were only 8 programs with 500 visits per month, now there are 30 programs with 5000 visits per month.

There will be four upcoming city events. The Junior Orange Bowl Caroling Competition will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. On December 4<sup>th</sup> the City of Coral Gables will have their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Kiwanis Club of Little Havana Art & Music Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Little Havana Foundation will kick off Art in the Park, event will run the first Friday of the month until April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Also on December 4<sup>th</sup> there will be two more events, St. Theresa School and Parish Fair and Giralda under the Stars.

Memos will be sent to the Board announcing the upcoming events in the City of Coral Gables.

4. City Projects Update

Rotary Park – Park is just about done; waiting to finish white wall in front of the park. Benches and trash cans will also be added to park. We received very good compliments from the neighbors about the park's new design. There might be a ribbon cutting ceremony in January.

Sunrise Park – Construction started.

Riviera Park – Gazebo and lights are up.

Biltmore Tennis Center – Bid has gone out; having issues with contracts.

Venetian Pool – Pool is closed.

Country Club Prado – There are issues with the outdoor dining.

5. Discussion on Park of the Month

Phillip's Park – Emilio Monte visited the park and said that it needs more work. It is being mostly used by adult men who play soccer there and they are not even neighbors.

Fred said that new shades have been added to the park and a new playground will also be put in.

6. New Business

No new business was discussed.

7. Date and time of next meeting – The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be on hiatus in December. The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, **January 15th, 2010**. The meeting will start at **8:00 a.m.** and will be held in the

**Conference Room at the Youth Center**, located at 405 University Drive.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.