

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Friday, January 15, 2016

8:15 AM

The Board meets the third Friday of every month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134

CALL TO ORDER

@ 8:24AM

ROLL CALL

Carlos Hernandez motioned to excuse Robert Ruano this was seconded by Alisa Weiner.

Felix Pardo was marked as unexcused.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Nancy Leslie motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting this was seconded by Alisa Weiner, the board unanimously voted in favor.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

-Capital Project Review

Fred began discussing the initiative for the City to purchase properties to be converted into City parks moving forward into 2017. The Youth Center projects are going to be moving forward, several estimates and designs have been created as we move into the bidding process. Fred explained that a lot of the funds being used to renovate the playground will be primarily going to mitigating several of the tree issues surrounding the playground as well as the turf under the playground. Fred explained that the field is being worked on and the well mitigation along with the salt water intrusion, the architect along with Brooke Dannemiller the City's landscape architect in finding a possible solution to the field's issues. Carlos Hernandez suggested that Fred contact Air filed Systems who can help mitigate some of these issues with the field's renovations. Fred explained to the board that he will discuss the possible moving of the drain to the City Manager. Carlos Hernandez asked about the outdoor bathrooms at the Granada Golf course, Fred explained that this is part of the second phase of the Granada Golf project.

-Granada Golf Course Update

Fred explained that the Superintendent he had selected did not make it through the hiring process, so the City will be continuing to use the contracted maintenance and superintendent staff. As City staff has reviewed the course some areas have become less desirable but staff is working hard to change the condition of those sections of the greens.

-William H. Kerdyk Jr. & Family Park

Fred explained that the walking trail will be converted to asphalt as well as all the exercise machines will be replaced with machines similar to those at Ingraham Park.

-Phillips Park

After much discussion of the condition of Phillips Park Carlos Hernandez made the motion @ 8:57am that a neighborhood watch and or Park watch should be made for Pierce and Phillips Parks as well as signage for the park. This was seconded by Carlos Rua the board voted on this motion unanimously.

-Review of Special Events

Jr. Orange Bowl Parade

Holiday Tree Lighting

Holiday Park

Big Toy Extravaganza

Upcoming:

Jazz in the Gables

Farmer's Market

NEW BUSINESS

-DATE & TIME CHANGE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Carlos Hernandez motioned @ 9:14am that all future meetings of the Parks & Recreation advisory board be moved to the fourth Friday of every month keeping the same time of 8:15am for said meetings. This motioned was seconded by Alisa Weiner and voted in favor unanimously by the board members present.

- Packets to be sent to schools

Alisa requested that flyers be distributed to the schools for swim lessons during spring in preparation for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

-PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

(This discussion was tabled and desired to be placed on the new business section of the next agenda.)

-Memberships

Kirk Menendez requested that again a review of the fitness center access for those youth that play sports at the youth center be offered in a package.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Feb. 26th 2016 @ 8:15am

ADJOURNMENT

@ 9:43am

NOTE