

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, February 15, 2019

Coral Gables Planning Dept., 2nd Floor Conference Room
427 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
Ariel Fernandez	E	-	-	P	A	P		P	P				Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Joseph	P	-	-	P	P	P		P	P				Vice Mayor Lago
Mary Snow	P	-	-		P	P		P	A				Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	-	P	P	A		A	A				Commissioner Keon
Carmen Cartaya	A	-	-	P	P	P		P	P				Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	-	P	A	P		P	P				City Manager Iglesias
Theresa Rice	P	-	-		P	P		A	P				Commission-as-a-whole

A = Absent
E = Excused Absence
P = Present
- = No meeting

STAFF: Naomi Levi Garcia, Staff Liaison

GUESTS: Ms. Lockhart from Carver, Erin Anding, Cecilia Slesnick, Don Slesnick III, Eva Reguiera, Beatrice Penalver

The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.

-MEETING AGENDA -

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

All members were in attendance except Mary Snow and Aileen Ortega. A quorum was present.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SCRC Member Recognition

- Sam thanks Aileen for her service. She has stepped down from the board due to personal scheduling conflicts.

B. Update from Parking Department Re: Student ridership on Trolley

- Carmen introduces concern that students get last priority on the Trolley. Is it really an option for school kids? Should it be considered in traffic studies?
- Kevin says they are not given last priority. However, everyone on the trolley is asked to disembark at Douglas Station to give metro riders a chance to board. He says metro rail riders need to be prioritized due to CITT funding.
- Board asks that Javier Betancourt & Kevin be included in a future meeting for a robust discussion.

C. Private Schools

- Twice a year, SCRC agenda will be devoted to private school issues, Feb/Sept.

D. Junior Orange Bowl Parade

- Don states that future parades should include schools. The biggest challenge is getting people involved. Parade takes place in early Dec., different groups invited to attend. JOB provided flyers to schools. 30 People minimum in each parade group.
- Sports ability program – 3-day program.
- Eva gives update on CGSH GOB

E. School Safety & Security

- **Respect Teachers Campaign:**
 - Sam wants to honor all teachers and rookie teachers of the year at Education Breakfast.
 - Carmen is working on a way to highlight school accolades and testimonials in city communications.
 - Mari Tere recognized Jack Lowell at school board meeting and gave him proclamation. She is also working with her task force to review parkland report. Safety and security is school board's #1 priority.
 - Mari Tere is also highlighting a Respect Teacher campaign

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

F. MDCPS Issues Review

- **Gables Youth Schools Attendance Report**
 - MDCPS provides school attendance report, which shows the public schools with Coral Gables students enrollment.
- **Coral Gables History Tours:**
 - funding for History Tours Program will come up at the next commission meeting
 - *Request a time for museum/history tour item – Feb 26th*

- *Subcommittee to talk logistics.*
- *CG Museum received funding for STEM/STEAM. Field trips completely free of charge to all schools and students.*

V. ADJOURNAMENT

Meeting ends at 10:04 a.m. Next SCRC meeting scheduled for March 15th at 8:30am.