

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011, 8:00 A.M.

- SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	APPOINTED BY:
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Mary Young	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	E	James C. Cason
Sandra Mannis	P	*	P	*	P	P	*	*	P	*	P	P	Maria Anderson
VACANT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Bonnie Blaire	P	*	P	*	P	P	*	*	P	*	P	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Richard Whittington	P	*	E	*	P	P	*	*	P	*	P	P	Frank C. Quesada

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

STAFF:

Glenn R. Kephart, Public Works Director
 James J. Kay, Engineering Division Supervisor
 Lorena Garrido, Central Division Supervisor

GUESTS:

Alex Gamundi, Information Technology Analyst

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MEETING ABSENCE:

Mrs. Young was excused.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- **August 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Mannis made a motion to approve the August 3, 2011 meeting minutes. Dr. Whittington seconded motion and they were unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Project updates:

1. **Citywide Report Compiled by the Department of Justice for ADA Compliance** – the City's Maintenance Division continues to make various corrections such as raising handrails for compliance.
2. **Ponce de Leon Median Project** – the project is complete. Ramps have been installed with truncated domes at the crosswalks. Mr. Kay reported this project is very close to being complete.
3. **Segovia Median Project** – Mr. Kay stated this project is making good progress. Ramps with truncated domes will also be installed as part of this project. Mrs. Blaire asked about the area near the library without trees. Mr. Kay and Mr. Kephart informed the purpose of this area is to replicate the old trolley lines found during the project and include a plaque with information.
4. **LeJeune Road (FDOT) Project** – this project consists of sidewalk replacement along LeJeune Road and update crossings and ramps.

Mr. Kay informed this will be his last Board meeting as he will be retiring and moving to North Carolina. He added he enjoyed working for the City of Coral Gables which included serving on this Board. Members were very thankful for Jim's assistance.

BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:

Ms. Garrido mentioned the National Disability Month's proclamation is scheduled to be presented on the October 11, 2011 City Commission meeting. Mrs. Blaire asked who will be able to attend the City Commission meeting to accept the proclamation since she will not be available. Members took the information

CITY UPDATE:

None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mrs. Blaire reviewed the items included in the agenda package regarding disability assistance services/programs offered by Miami-Dade County and State. She pointed out the Community Resource Guide is very well organized alphabetically by challenge, provides agencies available to assist and provides contact information.

DISABLED PARKING ENFORCEMENT PATROL:

An update was requested for the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Blaire discussed a previous item of putting together a community citizens' advisory committee/board. She stated this is an "ok" idea and suggested Niles Keric, City of Coral Gables resident, and Gary Small, City of Coral Gables Podiatrist, to be a part of this committee/board. Mrs. Blaire asked other Board members to keep this in mind and provide any other suggestions/ideas.

- **Discussion: City's website pertaining to disability issues (for updating purposes)**

Mr. Gamundi introduced himself and showed Board members the active City's webpage for Information for People with Disabilities. Mr. Gamundi reviewed the content of the webpage to include the external links listed and videos.

Mrs. Blaire asked who decided on the links listed and Mr. Gamundi replied the previous Board may have.

Mrs. Blaire asked if links can be added or removed. Mr. Gamundi said yes, but there is an internal approval process that needs to be followed.

Mrs. Blaire commented that there is no mention of the Board in the website. She suggested this be added as well as local programs and services available within the City.

Mrs. Mannis made a motion recommending adding the Community Resource Guide as a link to the City's website, removing the Department of Justice's link as well as the Child with Special Needs title, setting an archive file for the older videos currently shown and including the Board's mission statement. Dr. Whittington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Blaire referred to a Miami-Dade Community College publication where it mentioned the Ability Explosion event to take place October 19th through October 23rd. Mrs. Blaire stated this may be of interest to Board members.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 8:00 am to be held in *the Public Works Department's Conference Room located at 2800 SW 72nd Avenue.*