

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Sally Baumgartner <i>(Needs Appointment)</i>	*	P	P	P	E	P							James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	*	P	E	P	P	P							Raul Valdes-Fauli
Blake Sando	*	P	E	P	P	P							Patricia Keon
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	P	P	P							Vince Lago
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	E	P	E	P							Frank C. Quesada
													Michael Mena

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

**STAFF:**

1. Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management / ADA Coordinator
2. Lorena Garrido, Public Works Department

**GUEST:**

1. Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney

**CITIZEN ADVISORS:**

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Ernie Martinez, CIL

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mrs. Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**MEETING ABSENCE:**

None.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- May 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Whitehurst moved to approve the May 3, 2017 meeting minutes. Mrs. Sowers seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Blaire requested discussion of the meeting minutes for the meeting held in May. She stated that one of the resolutions discussed in the minutes states: "A Resolution urging the City of Coral Gables to develop a recreation program for young adults with disabilities" yet the minutes reflect that the City at this time does not have recreational programs for young adults. In addition, Mrs. Blair stated that the target population should be post-secondary school aged adults rather than young adults.

Mrs. Elejabarrieta stated the proposed resolutions could be amended. Mrs. Blaire stated she had suggestions on the language, which she had discussed individually with some board members.

Mrs. Blaire shared and distributed her suggestions to board members for discussion. Some key suggestions included:

1. External use of resources (partnerships and collaboration with other entities);
2. Post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities instead of young adults with disabilities;
3. Development of multi-dimensional cultural, social and recreational opportunities.

Mr. Sando expressed concern that the language being proposed may be too narrow and not allow flexibility. Mrs. Elejabarrieta stated the language does not have to be specific. She further added that by this resolution the Board is informing the City Commission that it has identified a need to address post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities and is urging the City to take certain action.

Mrs. Sowers stated she likes the proposed language as it is targeted to a very specific age group with disabilities and it introduces the need for this underserved population.

Mr. Martinez commented that less can be more and that the Board may want to leave some "wiggle room."

Mrs. Baumgartner asked if the age group needed to be specified. Mrs. Whitehurst said the age should be over the age of 22.

Mr. Martinez suggested keeping the "post-secondary" language, as it may be friendlier. Mrs. Blaire suggested adding, "post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities."

Regarding the second resolution, there was discussion of including "organizations" to the resolution to state ... "encouraging businesses and organizations."

A motion was made by Mr. Sando to amend the resolutions passed in May's meeting, as presented. They were seconded by Mrs. Sowers and passed unanimously.

A Resolution by the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs identifying a need to combat social and physical isolation of post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities and urging the City of Coral Gables to facilitate cooperation with businesses, universities, disability agencies, organizations and other entities and to actively engage resources towards the development of multi-dimensional cultural, social and recreational opportunities and programs in the City for post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities.

A Resolution by the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs recommending that the City of Coral Gables develop a citywide incentive program recognizing businesses and organizations in the City that have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of inclusion and that have enhanced opportunities for disabled persons to fully and effectively participate in everyday community life.

These resolutions will be placed on the agenda for the July 11<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting.

Mr. Martinez requested that in subsequent meetings the Center for Independent Living (CIL) have a place on the Board's agenda to discuss items.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Ms. Garrido distributed the Financial Disclosure documents to all Board members for submittal by July 1, 2017.

**BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:** None.

**CITY UPDATE:** None.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:** None.

**PROGRAM:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 9:02 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's Conference Room.*