

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

7:30 PM

The board meets the first Wednesday of the very month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL
Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 7:34pm

ROLL CALL

Present:

**Samantha Simpson
Alec Schneider
Kirk Menendez, Jr.- Chair
Gabriella Toyos
Natalie Gonzalez
Jorge G. Hernandez**

Absent:Mihir Pabby

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from October's meeting was made by Kirk Menendez and second by Alec Schneider. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo began his report by going over upcoming and athletics. The Daddy Daughter Dance is being relocated to the Venetian Pool with a reduced capacity and will be a dinner with no dancing due to social distancing.

The basketball league is now including scrimmaging but has not started playing full games. Travel Soccer tryouts will begin in April.

If anyone is interested in becoming a CIT for our summer season they can begin applying now.

Gymkids is no longer our gymnastic provider. Tumblebees has been awarded the contract and has already begun programming.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Administrative Supervisor Mitch Zuriarrain went over the administrative report with the Board and updated them on current events that are taking place within the department. He also shared with the board how to access our new monthly constant contact parks news page.

Items included in his report were the renovations and proposed rain shelter designs for the Granada golf course and the pro shop. Other items included upcoming City events such as the Valentine's Day Dinner at the Venetian pool, our Saturday farmer's markets, and the Movie Under the Gables Moonlight.

Mitch also reminded the board that as board members they can access the Venetian Pool for free for public swim. And if they are interested in volunteering at any of our special events for community service hours, they can reach out to Norma at SpecialEvents@coralgables.com.

Mitch also highlighted our new accessibility program that has begun called Sign Language for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Families.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Natalie had asked if the Movies on the Mile and the Movies Under the Gables Moonlight were the same event. Mitch confirmed that Community Recreation indeed hosted both events, but after moving locations and changing the season, the event name was changed.

Gaby had brought up our staff that the Youth Center does not offer many individual sports programs. She suggested that because of COVID, the Youth Center should make additional efforts in offering individualized sports like golf or cross country. Carlos let the board know that there is a fundamental golf program already being offered. We also have bocce and tennis programming available. But he said he would look in to adding additional programs.

Jorge had asked staff why the Police department was issuing citations to bikers and runners utilizing the area around Granada golf. Carlos said he would ask about the matter and let the Board know next time we meet. Mitch advised to anyone who runs the area around the course to be extremely careful and spoke to the board about a recent accident that occurred.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

The next board meeting is set for March 3rd, 2021. The board asked that the time be permanently changed to 7PM. All were in favor of the change. The board secretary will notify the City Clerk's office of the change in time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

NOTE