

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of February 19, 2010 meeting  
Coral Gables Youth Center  
405 University Drive

MEMBERS	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Joan I. Valdes	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P					Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Valerie Gelnovatch	V	V	V	P	E	R	P	E					Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Emilio Monte	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P					Comm. Maria Anderson
Jorge Guarch	R	P	P	E	P	R	P	P					Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Marty Steinberger	R	P	P	E	P	R	P	P					Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Martha Serola	R	E	E	P	P	R	P	P					City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Manny Seage	R	P	P	E	P	R	P	P					Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A = Absent  
C = Cancelled  
E = Excused absence  
P = Present  
N = No quorum  
R = Recessed  
S = Sick  
V = Vacant position

**STAFF:**

Fred Couceyro  
Parks & Recreation Director

Tricia Spencer  
Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:**

- Joan Valdes called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.
- Approval of Board minutes from January 15, 2010 meeting – Joan Valdes – A motion was made by Jorge Guarch to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously.
- City Projects Update

Renaming of Washington Park - The renaming of Washington Park was approved by the City Commission and is now named the William Alexander Cooper Park. There is going to be a ceremony held at the park and a bronze plaque will be placed there.

Lawsuit with Quantum Leap – There will be a closed City Commission session with the City Attorney to discuss Quantum Leap; they had a contract to do a website for the Venetian Pool and the domain for the Venetian Pool would be reverted back to the City of Coral Gables. At the conclusion of the contract, however Quantum Leap did not agree with the interpretation of the agreement.

Land Acquisition – The price and agreement for purchasing the property located at 4650 Alhambra Circle is almost done. It is a 21,000 square foot double lot and the property would be used to build either a passive park or a small playground. The price and agreement will be reviewed by the City Attorney and once that is done, then it will need to be approved by three

Boards within the City: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Economic Development Board and the Property Advisory Board.

Rotary Park – The park is finished; people have been using the park and there has been positive reports about the park.

Riviera Park – Construction is moving along; they are starting to do the pathway. The park looks really good.

Biltmore Tennis Center – A permanent seating structure is being built near the practice courts; there will also be a storage space behind the bleachers. City revenues at the tennis center are up.

Salvadore Park – The park is going to have the same look and design and will be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sunrise Park – The playgrounds have been installed, the poles have been put in for the trellis and the concrete for the courts has been laid out. The park needs to be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. New Business

Golf Sub-Committee Report – The Committee played at the Granada Golf Course. Martha Serola observed that some carts didn't have windshields and the bathroom located next to the Maintenance Barn needs to be updated.

Jorge Guarch said that he was very pleased with the Granada Golf Course and it provides an opportunity for younger kids and older people to play. The greens were in nice shape.

Fred said that new cameras have been installed around the Maintenance Barn. The Ladies' Locker Room has been redone and the office that was in the Ladies' Locker Room has been removed. A new lease renewal is in the works for new golf carts.

5. Date and time of next meeting – The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is TBA. The meeting will start at **8:00 a.m.** and will be held at Riviera Park in the Pavilion located at 6611 Yumuri Street, Coral Gables.
6. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.