

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2017

5:00 PM

City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Wendy Kallergis
Vice Chairperson Erick Fernandez
Board Member Sarah N. Artecona
Board Member Maxwell Detweiler
Board Member Philip C. Kates
Board Member Adrian Nunez
Board Member David A. Rivero
Board Member Frank Rosell
Board Member Belinda Sime
Board Member Judith Welsh
Board Member Patricia A. Whitely

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Mindy Herris was present on behalf of Sarah Artecona.

Gilbert Arias was present on behalf of Dr. Patricia Whitely.

Present: 4 - Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Rivero and Board Member Welsh

Absent: 3 - Board Member Kates, Board Member Rosell and Board Member Sime

Excused: 4 - Board Member Artecona, Board Member Detweiler, Board Member Nunez and Board Member Whitely

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

17-6408 City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee

Attachments: MARCH 6, 2017 MINUTES (1)

No quorum. The Minutes were discussed and the official voting will be held at the next Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Board Member Rivero, seconded by Board Member Fernandez, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yeas: 4 - Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Welsh and Board Member Kallergis

Absent: 3 - Board Member Kates, Board Member Rosell and Board Member Sime

Excused: 4 - Board Member Artecona, Board Member Detweiler, Board Member Nunez and Board Member Whitely

NEW BUSINESS

Update on University of Miami Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

The Annual Report and the Mobility Plan were submitted on June 1, 2017 to the City.

The University's mobility strategies have continued to decrease traffic levels in the residential areas of the Campus. Traffic has been stable throughout the Campus; Spring 2016 had a traffic count of 14,176 and Spring 2017 had a count of 14,628. There's been an increase in using web-based rideshare services, such as Uber and Lyft, by the students. There's also been less parking permits issued by the University.

Lee Lincoln provided two weeks use in order to facilitate Campus

operations due to Hurricane Irma.

A service road across the back of the Physics Building that connects to the parking lots east of the Arboretum has commenced Phase II construction. Additional green space has been allocated for the Arboretum. Parking lots east of the Campus will be modified to interconnect the three sections and the access point to Pisano will be eliminated. Lighting, trees, and multipaths will be added along Pisano. The \$250,000 from the University for public realm improvements in the neighboring area is pending City input and approval.

The School of Nursing Simulation Hospital, the Hecht Athletic Center's facade renovation and the Miller BuildLab (used by the School of Architecture) have been completed.

Projects currently under construction are the Student Housing, Indoor Practice Facility and The Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building.

A Science Building, Music Building and a Counseling Center are all proposed future projects.

Update on University of Miami Events, Sarah Artecona

Mindy Herris gave an update on behalf of Sarah Artecona.

Day of Service was held September 22, 2017 which included donation sites for relief efforts throughout the Campus.

Well 'Canes Marketplace / Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday until Spring.

Homecoming festivities begin with Hurricane Howl on November 3, 2017. Food trucks, a block party, a parade which features Jon Beason as Grand Marshal, and fireworks are all part of the celebration. Coral Gables Day is November 4, 2017 and residents can buy 1 Ticket and get 2 Free for the Canes vs Virginia Tech game.

The Pedestrian Overpass dedication was postponed due to Hurricane Irma. A new date has not been scheduled. The overpass opened as scheduled.

On October 27, 2017, Leadership UMIami Program will explore concepts related to democracy and social change. City Attorney, Craig Leen, is part of the discussion panel.

Lowe Art Museum is displaying Pop Art Prints, an exhibition of 37 works on loan from The Smithsonian American Art Museum, until December 17, 2017. This includes works from Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Robert Indiana.

Update by the President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely

Gilbert Arias gave an update on behalf of Dr. Whitely.

The University closed on Thursday, September 7, 2017 in preparation to evacuate the students due to Hurricane Irma. Only 55 students were unable to go home and University staff relocated them to Southwest High School (designated evacuee center) for the duration of the storm. Once the storm passed, Chief Rivero was unable to give clearance for students to return to Campus due to tree debris. Hotel Colonnade provided rooms for the students and for University staff until the Campus was cleared.

At the beginning of the school year the Living in Coral Gables & South Miami Newsletter is mailed to all students which provides information on parking, noise, garbage, pets and ground maintenance regulations. It also provides Good Neighbor Tips and Important Phone Numbers.

The University continues to have a good relationship with the Code Enforcement Division and if City rules are violated by a student they immediately contact them to resolve the matter. If needed, the student is referred to the Dean of Students Office for further disciplinary action.

Update by Interfraternity Council, Maxwell Detweiler

Mr. Detweiler was excused from attending the meeting but provided the following information:

The Fall Rush 2017 was a success. There were 126 bids accepted and though it's a slight decrease from last year it is still a number to be proud of. New Member classes range from 5 to 18. The IFC is looking forward to a fun and safe New Member Processes.

On September 19, 2017, Pi Kappa Alpha travelled to the Campus to finalize the procedure to reinstate PIKE back into the Campus. Their return is expected in the Spring's 2018 Rush period.

In the Spring, the recruitment for upper classman is conducted by the fraternities.

Update by Student Government, Adrian Nunez

Mr. Nunez was excused from attending the meeting.

Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chair was discussed. Wendy Kallergis was nominated for Chairperson and Erick Fernandez was nominated for Vice-Chairperson. They both accepted the nominations, however; no quorum. Official vote will be held at next Committee meeting.

Annual Report Review

The Report was reviewed by the Members. Report was signed by nominated Vice Chair, Erick Fernandez.

OLD BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Suggestions for locations to hold future meetings was requested and discussed.

The University will look for a conference room at the Campus to possibly hold meetings at.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The next tentative meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018.