

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of August 27, 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	N	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	N	P	N	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Valerie Gelnovatch	N	E	V	P	E	R	P	E	N	P	N	E	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Emilio Monte	N	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	N	P	N	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Jorge Guarch	N	P	P	E	P	R	P	P	N	E	N	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Marty Steinberger	N	P	P	E	P	R	P	P	N	P	N	E	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Martha Serola	N	E	E	P	P	R	P	P	N	P	N	E	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Manny Seage	N	P	P	E	P	R	P	P	N	E	N	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:

1. Joan Valdes called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.
2. Approval of Board minutes from June 18, 2010 meeting – Joan Valdes – A motion was made by Dr. Manny Seage to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously.
3. Update on Board items to City Commission – Fred Couceyro

At the August 24th, 2010 City Commission meeting, there were a few Parks & Recreation items that were on the agenda. Coral Gables Elementary expanded their school from K-8 and 6th grade will be housed at the Merrick Educational Center; the school has requested to use the field in Phillip's Park for their Physical Education classes. Fred Couceyro has been working closely with Mike Levine on creating an Education Compact between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the City of Coral Gables.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Coral Gables and the Alliance for Aging was also approved by the City Commission. The State of Florida Elderly Affairs Department's SHINE Program will be allowed to utilize space at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center and other Parks and Recreation facilities, to assist and provide services to seniors.

Coral Gables at Home, a non-profit organization, is a membership program for Coral Gables residents 50 years and older. The City Commission approved the usage of Country Club Prado for a Coral Gables at Home upcoming luncheon event.

4. City Projects Update

Salvador Park – Bathrooms are being fixed and are almost done.

4650 Alhambra Property – The remaining money from the Land Acquisition is being asked to be used for development of the park project. A proposal to name the park was going to be brought before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board today for approval, but since then, there have been more proposals submitted to the City Manager's Office that needs to be looked at for consideration prior to going before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Property Advisory Board. The previous owner of the 4650 Alhambra Property recommended that the park be named after the doctor that passed away suddenly, leaving three daughters behind.

5. Old Business

The Art Cinema in Coral Gables is scheduled to be opened in October. The Coral Gables Museum had their first Summer Camps this year however, permits are still needed for the museum to be fully operating. The Venetian Pool might be closing in January because the paint on the pool wall is coming off and needs to be redone; the pump to the large waterfall cave is not working; however, the chlorination system is working very well.

6. Park of the Month: Salvadore Park

Dr. Seage visited Salvadore Park reporting that the park looks great, except for the bathrooms that are being fixed. Next month's Park of the Month is Granada Golf Course.

7. New Business

There are a couple of special events coming up. Gables Hispanic Cultural Foundation is a new organization and will be having its first festival on September 25, 2010. Gables to the Bay Regatta event will be on October 23, 2010. This is the second year that Waterway Renaissance will be sponsoring the regatta.

8. Date and time of next meeting – The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is Friday, September 17, 2010. The meeting will start at **8:00 a.m.** and will be held at Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive, Coral Gables.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.