

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of September 25, 2008 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS	S	O	D	J	J	F	M						APPOINTED BY
Vacant													Mayor Slesnick
Ramon Diaz	P												Vice-Mayor Kerdyk
Leigh Cooper-Peabody	P												Commissioner Anderson
Vacant													Commissioner Cabrera
Kyle Parker	P												Commissioner Withers
Vacant													City Manager David Brown
Carolina Valdes-Lora	P												Recreation Advisory Board

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

STAFF:

Luanne Santangelo
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Roxana Gonzalez
Youth Center Supervisor

Billie Jo Carder
Assistant Youth Center Supervisor

GUESTS:

Javier Baeza
Resident

Caroline Herald
Resident

Isabella Sanchez
Resident

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.
2. **Approval of Board minutes from May 1, 2008 meeting** – A motion was made by Ray Diaz, seconded by Leigh Cooper to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2008 meeting.

Minutes approved unanimously by the Board.

3. **Welcome of Board Members and Guests** – Ms. Santangelo welcomed the Board members back and introduced guest who were in attendance. Guest present were those students interested in becoming new members of the Youth Advisory Board. Ms. Santangelo went on to explain the process for appointment. Currently 5 youth have submitted emails or letters of interest in being appointed to the Youth Advisory Board.

These emails and letters have been forwarded to the City Clerks Office. The City Clerks Office will forward this information to those who have vacant positions. Selections will be made by resolution at an upcoming Commission meeting. Ms. Santangelo will try to keep those who have submitted their letters of interest informed of the status of the procedure.

4. **Nominations for Office of Chairperson** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody was nominated for Chairperson of the Youth Advisory Board. No other nominations were made. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this nomination.
5. **Nominations for Office of Vice-Chairperson** – Carolina Valdes- Lora and Ramon Diaz were nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Board. Carolina Valdes-Lora won the nomination by a vote of 3-1.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. No old business to discuss.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Attendance Rules were discussed. The Board agreed, as a whole, that excused absences would only be excused when due to a school event/activity.
 - b. Ms. Santangelo discussed with the Board the Commission report due at the beginning of the new Fiscal Year. Ms. Cooper and Ms. Valdes-Lora, will prepare the report and discuss with the Board via email.
 - c. Ms. Gonzalez provided information to Board members regarding upcoming Youth Center events and how the Board may participate. Board members will provide Ms. Gonzalez with their volunteer commitment for the Halloween Haunted House at the next Youth Advisory Board Meeting.
8. **Date and time of next meeting** –The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 6:45 pm at the Coral Gables Youth Center.
9. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.