

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7:00 PM

Youth Center, Conference Room

Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

Board Member Isabella Gonzalez
Board Member Natalie Gonzalez
Board Member Jorge G. Hernandez
Board Member Angelica Santeliz
Board Member Hely Santeliz
Board Member Nicole Schneider
Board Member Alexa Tapanes

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 7:30pm

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

a. Review of Board Processes

Prior to the Supervisor's updates, Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino went over general board practices, roll call, agendas and meeting procedures. She also reminded the board of their function as board members and that they represent the Youth of the City of Coral Gables.

Staff also handed out the Board member cards and quickly went over the board perks.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Board Member Tapanes, Board Member Schneider, Board Member Gonzalez and Board Member Gonzalez

Absent: 2 - Board Member Hernandez and Board Member Santeliz

Excused: 1 - Board Member Santeliz

a. Roll Call and Excusal of Absences

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ABSENCE OF HELY SANTELIZ WAS MADE BY ALEXA TAPANES AND SECONDED BY NICOLE SCHNEIDER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

A MOTION APPROVING THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY ISABELLA GONZALEZ AND SECONDED BY ALEXA TAPANES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

a. General Updates

Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo began his report by stating that summer programming was a success, and we are now fully in fall programming. The Youth Center's travel soccer program, recreational soccer, flag football, recreational volleyball have all began and he will soon have competitive volleyball beginning.

The Youth Center's Fitness Center is now fully ran by city staff and is no longer contracted out to Fitness Center LLC due to personal reasons of the vendor.

Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino shared with the board that we just had a ribbon cutting for the remodeling of Maggiore Park on August 13th and will be opening another new park in front of Venetian Pool which will be named Lamar Louis Curry Park on October 15th.

The City is now managing the Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

Le Parc Café has replaced the Liberty Café and is now open with a limited menu.

The Granada Proshop has now closed for construction. All services will be ran out of an onsite trailer.

b. Special Events

Upcoming special events include the Youth Center's Halloween Haunted House and setup will begin on October 26th. If the Board would like to volunteer to setup or work the haunted house, they can let him know. It is a great way to get community service hours for school.

If the Board would like to volunteer at any of our other events we have the following coming up:

Venetian Pool's Paws at the Pool Event on October 2nd
Pumpkin Patch at Ponce Circle Park on October 15th
Pollinator Palooza at the Coral Gables Country Club
Holiday Tree Lighting on December 2nd
Daddy Daughter Dance in Early February

NEW BUSINESS

a. Selection of Vice Chair

The election of the Vice Chair was deferred to the October meeting.

b. Empty Board Seat - Board Member at Large

The selection of the Board-Member-at-Large was discussed.

A MOTION TO SELECT EDUARDO GARCIA AS THE BOARD-MEMBER-AT-LARGE WAS MADE BY NATALIE GONZALEZ AND WAS SECONDED BY ISABELLA GONZALEZ. ALL IN FAVOR; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Selection of Meeting dates and Time

A discussion was had between the board to determine the Board's meeting date and times moving forward.

A MOTION TO CHANGE THE DATE AND TIME OF THE MEETING TO THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AT 6PM WAS MADE BY ALEXA TAPANES AND WAS SECONDED BY NICOLE SCHNEIDER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting is set for October 5th 2022 at 6pm.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

NOTE