

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Sally Baumgartner	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
William Beckham	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Richard Whittington	P	P	*	*	*	*	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst							P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Jeannette Slesnick

**P – Present**  
**E – Excused Absence**  
**A – Absent**  
**(-) – No Appointment**  
**(\*) – No Meeting**

**STAFF:**

1. Dona M. Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director / ADA and Non-Discrimination Coordinator
2. Lorena Garrido, Public Works Department

**GUEST:**

1. Ernie Martinez, Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.S.F.)
2. Woody Beckham, Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.S.F.)

**CITIZEN ADVISORS:**

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Debbie Dietz, Disability Independence Group

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**MEETING ABSENCE:**

Dr. Whittington was excused.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- **May 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Whitehurst moved to approve the May 4, 2016 meeting minutes. Mrs. Sowers second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None.

**BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Ms. Garrido mentioned she provided members, for their information, the signed Resolution No. 2016-87, presented to the Board by Craig Leen in April's Board meeting.

**CITY UPDATE:** None.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Mrs. Blaire mentioned the mulch-like matting used at a park in South Miami. It seems this could be an option to use in the City's Christmas Park in order to make it more accessible. Ms. Garrido will be in touch with South Miami to get information.

**PROGRAM:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Baumgartner reported on Mr. Beckham's resignation from the Board. This would affect the in-house training program (Mobility) as it was assigned to him. Mrs. Blaire stated she could work with the C.I.L. to coordinate the Mobility program. The proposed schedules include:

- September (Vision)
- October (Hearing)
- November (Mobility)
- December (Autism /Intellectual & Development Disability-IDD)

Mrs. Dietz suggested that the City look into all its publication materials and see how it can be friendlier to the disabled community. This would include making it more descriptive as well as picture graphic.

Mrs. Blair asked for Mrs. Dietz to assist with December's cognitive program and she accepted.

Mrs. Blaire requested an update on the Miracle Mile audible signals. Mrs. Spain said this has been mentioned in City Staff meetings and believes it's being worked on.

Mrs. Blaire provided an update on the American Sign Language (ASL) summer camp program. She said they are well on their way. Counselors and campers will be learning sign language. She also updated on the Sorenson Video Relay Service (SVRS) phone system, which is expected to be installed this week. This is being coordinated with City staff from IT and Public Works Departments, as well as the C.I.L.

Mr. Beckham updated on the accessible ways to reach the Youth Center. He met with Mr. Martinez after last month's meeting, on site. The area from LeJeune's north side is very limited.

However, coming from LeJeune's south side, the accessibility is good (coming in front the Home Financing Center building) where the Miami-Dade County bus stop is at. He mentioned this routed should be posted for individuals coming to the Youth Center.

Mrs. Spain informed that she provided the Interim Public Works Director, Jessica Keller, with the problem areas discussed at the last meeting (Ernie's journey). The Public Works Department will replace the broken sidewalks and widen some areas to improve the path previously discussed. As far as installing an additional crosswalk, the proposed area is not safe and can't be installed. In addition, Kevin Kinney, Parking Director, agreed to install additional disabled parking spaces at the Youth Center.

Mrs. Sowers asked about the trolley route expansion to the Youth Center. Mrs. Spain mentioned that Mr. Kinney is aware of adding another trolley stop at the Youth Center. He will be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss. In addition, Mrs. Blaire inquired about the disabled parking enforcement program, specifically in private parking lots, and if it was still active. Mrs. Spain stated Mr. Kinney may be able to expand on this as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Blaire introduced Woody Beckham as Mr. Beckham's son and as a full time employee for Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.S.F.).

Woody discussed the possibility of having an art workshop, once a month, at the Youth Center. A local artist from Rise-Up Gallery would manage the workshop. The idea is to bring individuals of all ages with disabilities together to work with different mediums and be creative. There would be adaptive equipment to assist those with limited hand functions. Mrs. Spain will share the information with Mr. Couceyro for space consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 6, 2016, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.*