

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

5:00 PM

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Police & Fire HQ - Community Meeting Room A

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami

Community Relations Committee

Board Member Maite Alvarez
Board Member Robert Cambo
Board Member Landon Coles
Board Member Norma de la O
Board Member Erick Fernandez
Board Member Wendy Kallergis
Board Member David Rivero
Board Member Ethan Robbins
Board Member Marty Steinberger
Board Member Kasey Tendrich
Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely

The Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, commencing at 5:00 p.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82505524703>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 786-635-1003 Meeting ID: 825 0552 4703.

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

Present: 6 - Board Member Whitely, Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Coles, Board Member Cambo and Board Member Robbins

Absent: 5 - Board Member Steinberger, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Tendrich and Board Member de la O

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee
Meeting of October 4, 2021.

Attachments: [CG-UM Community Relations Committee Draft Meeting Minutes 10.4.21.pdf](#)
[Cover Memo.docx](#)

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

Yeas: 6 - Board Member Whitely, Board Member Alvarez, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Coles, Board Member Cambo and Board Member Robbins

Absent: 5 - Board Member Steinberger, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Tendrich and Board Member de la O

B. AGENDA ITEMS

B-1 Update on University Events, Maite Alvarez

- The University of Miami (UM) Basketball Team reached the elite 8.
- Coral Gables residents could receive two free tickets for UM Baseball games at the Coral Gables Youth Center. Information on pick up times and game dates are available on [coralgables.com](#) under the community recreation page, Coral Gables' e-News and on the College Town Newsletter.
- Commencement May 11 – 13, 2022.
- High School graduations are held on campus in June.
- To sign-up for the College Town Newsletter, email umneighbors@miami.edu.

B-2 Update on the University's Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

- Frost Institute on schedule for completion in the fall.
- Knight Center for music innovation has gone vertical, one year until completion.
- The new housing project, Centennial Village moving forward with construction. New utility plant. First two towers are slated to be demolished in the summer.
- The historic Pentland House is being gutted and renovated, including HVAC system and windows.
- 6565 Red Road, will be renovated to historic standards.
- Maps are available and will be shared during the next meeting.
- Upcoming repaving and landscaping at Stanford Residential College.

B-3 Update on the University's Police Department, Chief David Rivero

No updates.

B-4 Update by the University's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely

- The University is working on a gathering center on campus for students LGBTQIA and a veteran's resource center.
- Informational email was sent to students and parents regarding Ultra Music Festival, to raise awareness on issues the festival may usher into the community.
- No mask requirements currently in place at the University Campus. Moving to not requiring tests for non-boosted students due to lack of compliance.
- Large influx of interest for on-campus housing as 800 beds are being lost due to construction.

B-5 Update by the University's Interfraternity Council President

- Eleven Fraternities headed by Board Member Robbins will be moving toward local philanthropic efforts, like the Sylvester Cancer Center.
- Focusing on local vendors for events.
- Working towards moving parties on-campus, by incentivizing off-campus fraternities with grants.

B-6 Update by the University's Student Government President

- New student Government President Jamie Williams-Smith will be inaugurated on Tuesday April 5, 2022 and joining this Board in the Fall.
- Student Services Building named after a black alumnus, the first in the 97 years of UM history.
- Revamping of Cane Cards to include a signature to be used as a voting ID.
- Chairperson Coles also gave a brief run down on advocacy efforts that have taken place within the UM Community.

A question was asked by Board Member Erick Fernandez regarding what resources are available for people with Autism at the University of Miami. Dr. Patricia A. Whitely replied by stating it falls under the purview of the Academic Resource Center and the Office of Accessibility Services. A coaching program is also available for students that need a one-on-one mentor program.

B-7 General Updates, Solanch Lopez

Next Meeting Monday, September 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Keep Coral Gables Beautiful cleanups hosted alongside the University of Miami.

- Nov. 12, 2021 - 28 UM staff members participated collecting a total of 335 pounds.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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