

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2024

8:15 AM

Youth Center - Conference Room

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

*Chairperson Carlos Hernandez*  
*Vice Chairperson Jennifer Marques*  
*Board Member Aron Eizenstat*  
*Board Member Ellen C. Chasens*  
*Board Member Antonio Gonzalez*  
*Board Member Maite Halley*  
*Board Member Erik Rodriguez*  
*Board Member Yamilet Rodriguez*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Began at 8:20 a.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **a. Roll Call and Excusal of Absences**

Present: 5 - Board member Antonio Gonzalez, Board member Yamilet Rodriguez, Board member Maite Halley, Vice-Chair Jennifer Marquez and Chair Carlos Hernandez

Excused: 3 - Board member Erik Rodriguez, Board member Ellen Chasens and Board member Aaron Aizenstat

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER MINUTES MEETING WAS MADE BY ANTONIO GONZALEZ AND SECOND BY JENNIFER MARQUEZ. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. General Updates**

In the beginning of his report, Director Fred Couceyro provided the board an update at the start of his report on the Holiday Tree Lighting event and Holiday Park in front of city hall, which took place last week.

**b. Special Events**

Director Couceyro proceeded to update the board on the forthcoming events for the month of December, Hot Chocolate with Santa - Sunday, December 21 at 9 a.m., Movies Under the Gables Moonlight featuring Elf – Friday, December 20 at 6 p.m., Annual City Hall Menorah Lighting – Thursday, December 26 at 5:30 p.m., Festival of Lights Chanukah Celebration – Sunday, December 29 at 4 p.m. and Junior Orange Bowl Parade – Sunday, December 15 at 5 p.m.

**c. CIP Updates**

Administrative Operations Supervisor Sarah Espino initiated her briefing by providing an update on the Blue Road, Toledo and Alava initiatives. She then proceeded to elaborate on the concession for the Venetian Pool, Nellie B. Moore Park, and William & Leona Cooper Park. She also continued to finalize Phillips Park contract updates and continued forthcoming initiatives for the Rotary Centennial Park.

Director Couceyro proceeded to provide information regarding the forthcoming project to renovate the flooring of the indoor basketball courts at the youth center.

Director Couceyro informed the board that they attended a commission meeting where they presented the proposal for pickleball at Biltmore Tennis. They will initiate a planning study to convert two existing courts into six pickleball courts. He mentioned that his Professional Tennis Operations Supervisor is working on that so that they can start the bid waiver process.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2024, at 8:15 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTE**