

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00 PM

Youth Center, Conference Room

### Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

*Chairperson Kirk Menendez, Jr.*  
*Vice Chair Natalie Gonzalez*  
*Board Member Jorge G. Hernandez*  
*Board Member Mihir Pabby*  
*Board Member Alec Schneider*  
*Board Member Samantha Simpson*  
*Board Member Gabriella Toyos*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Began at 7:06pm**

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**A MOTION TO EXCUSE MAHIR PABBY AND NATALIE GONZALEZ, ABSENCE WAS MADE BY SAMANTHA SIMPSON AND SECOND BY GABRIELLA TOYOS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Present:** 4 - Board Member Simpson, Board Member Schneider, Board Member Menendez Jr. and Board Member Toyos

**Absent:** 1 - Board Member Hernandez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Pabby and Board Member Gonzalez

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **a. Approval of February Minutes**

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY ALEC SCHNEIDER AND SECOND BY GABRIELLA TOYOS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo began the meeting by announcing that the basketball tournament "Hoop-It-Up 3v3" didn't received enough team registrations, therefore it will be carried out for next month (April). Pichardo asked the Board members to help promote this tournament. He then announced that there are job positions available for the summer camps from the different division's facilities. Pichardo also signaled that the department is open to give opportunities to individuals who are seeking to complete community service hours. Pichardo along with the Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino, went over the department's Special Events calendar for the upcoming events. Espino then moved along by announcing prices and details about the Bike and BBQ event on March 20th, as well as the different Spring Break Camps options (March 21-25).**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino mentioned to the Board Members about the City taking over the Country Club's operations. Espino furthered the discussion by providing historical details about the Country Club and mentioning the current status of this transition process. Board member Samantha Simpson jumped into the discussion and asked how exactly will the Country Club deal with current memberships of the fitness center. Espino answered by explaining that there are efforts of making a seamless transition in ownership in order to not bring any issues regarding memberships.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Board member Samantha Simpson asked about the status of the Youth Center being remodeled. The Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino mentioned that the Department presented their Master Plan Referendum presentation to Commission on February 24th at the Sunshine Meeting for further discussion on whether the City will go out for a tax bond. Espino then furthered the discussion by explaining to the board that since this is a project that requires for the residents to pay taxes, the commissioners want to make sure what is the exact total cost that this whole operation requires. Any construction to the Youth Center is dependent on how funding is going to be acquired.

## **ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

Espino announced to the Board Members that they need to begin the process of referring candidates for their replacement.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6th, 2022 at 7:00pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 7:22pm.

## **NOTE**