

# City of Coral Gables



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

4:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/82882960727>

Coral Gables Country Club

**Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: 12 Chair Albert Sanchez, Vice Chair Sherry Celesias, Board members Isis Arenas, Frank Andollo, Peter Izaguirre, Assistant Director Sarah Espino, Division Director Lorena Sliva, Venue Manager Valerie Pinon, Athletic Club Manager Daren Gilman, Administrative Analyst Ann Caroline Del Valle, Club Members Mauricio Franco and David Benitez  
Excused: Board Members Yamilet Rodriguez, Don Slesnick III

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER ISIS ARENAS, SECOND BY BOARD MEMBER PETER IZAGUIRRE WITH AN AMENDMENT BY VICE CHAIR CELESIAS TO INCLUDE HER AS PRESENT. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- FY2026 2nd Quarter Powerpoint Presentation - Director Sliva presented the second-quarter PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the board.

**a. Athletic Club**

- Gym Membership Count - Athletic Club Manager Gilman reported that, as of that afternoon, total membership stood at 1,852, 12 golf memberships included. It was noted that the updated membership cap has been increased to 2,000. Several board members expressed concern that the gym is already experiencing congestion and that increasing the cap could lead to overcrowding. Assistant Director Espino confirmed that the revised cap was established by City Administration and stated that she would relay the board's concerns to Administration. She also noted concern that if the cap were reduced back to 1,800, revenue targets would still need to be met, which could result in increased membership fees. Daren Gilman shared that Stretch Zone is interested in partnering with the Athletic Club to host complimentary monthly activations and will keep the board informed regarding any updates and the anticipated start date.
- Maintenance - Daren Gilman provided updates on several maintenance items, including the September Maintenance Week dates, which are still pending; an ongoing water pressure issue currently being troubleshot with Public Works; and the installation of fans in the cycling room, which has now been completed. It was also mentioned the frosting of the glass being rescheduled as there was scheduling conflicts last week.

**b. Venue**

- Venue Manager Valerie Pinon provided updates on recent and upcoming events. She highlighted the upcoming Casino Night Member Mixer scheduled for May 28, Flavors of Gables on June 25, and a Peruvian-themed event on July 25, noting that a discount code for board members is still pending. She also confirmed that, as of that afternoon, approximately 80 to 100 RSVPs had been received for the Member Mixer. Additionally, she announced that the venue's maintenance week has been scheduled for July 13 through July 19.

**c. Le Parc Cafe**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Downstairs Credit Card Machine - Daren Gilman confirmed this has been installed since the Open House.
- Tailored CC Survey - Chair Albert Sanchez requested staff send out the tailored survey again to keep receiving feedback from members/the public.
- Alleyway - Director Sliva and Assistant Director Espino confirmed that the one-way sign for the alleyway has been installed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Board Member Andollo raised several pool-related items for discussion, including delays in setting up swimming lanes. Daren Gilman stated that he would look into the matter. Board Member Andollo also suggested that lifeguards check towel inventory approximately every 20 minutes, noting continued concerns with towels not being restocked in a timely manner. Additional discussion centered on pool cleanliness concerns. Several members suggested possible contributing factors, including ongoing maintenance work at the golf course and continued construction activity on the property located east of the country club.
- Club Member Mauricio asked staff about the policy for processing instructor invoices. Daren Gilman responded to questions from the board and explained that invoices are processed on a weekly basis in accordance with the City's Net 30 payment policy.

#### **ITEMS FOR THE SECRETARY**

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:04 P.M. WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER ANDOLLO, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR CELESIAS. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**