



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 14, 2023

ITEM TITLE: ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

MEETING DATE: October 4, 2023

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

QUORUM: Quorum was reached

STAFF:

Raquel Elejabarrieta – Human Resources Director
Eglys Hernandez – PT Administrative Assistant, Human Resources
Catie Hastings – Park & Recreation – D.E.I. Coordinator (Via Zoom)
Vivian Pires – Parks & Recreation P/T D.E.I. Counselor (Via Zoom)

GUEST: None

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

Jennifer Durocher, Director of UM-NSU Card

PUBLIC GUEST: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order 10:06am

MEETING ABSENCE:

Samantha Duran
Deborah Dietz

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

September 6, 2023
Motion by: Bonnie Blaire / 2nd Vanessa Bedoya / All approved unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

It's Cool to Fly American – Ms. Palacio Pike (Exhibit #1)

Ms. Palacio Pike shared with the board information regarding upcoming event being held on October 14, 2023, 11:30am – 2:00pm – A Mock Airport Experience provided by American Airlines. Ms. Palacio Pike stated it is an opportunity for families to engage with other families regarding airport travel.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update – Adventure Day – Ms. Hastings

Ms. Hastings advised that all the tents have been filled and there will be more focus the programing. Ms. Hastings stated there will be 38 vendors participating this year. Board member Ms. Blaire asked reference cost offset of event and if this was done via vendors being charged, and Ms. Hastings advised the city does not charge vendors to participate.

Ms. Hastings advised a quiet tent has also been added. Ms. Palacio asked if Area Stage Theatre would be present again this year and Ms. Hastings advised they will be participating.

Disability Acceptance Month Resolution / Proclamation: Ms. Elejabarrieta

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised the City Commission will present a Resolution declaring Principles of Inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, and urging action by national, state, and local governments, businesses, and residential communities consistent with these principles at the October 10th commission meeting. Ms. Elejabarrieta also advised at same commission meeting; a Disability Acceptance Month Proclamation will be presented. Ms. Palacio Pike asked board to consider the receipt of the Proclamation to be Coral Gables Museum due to all their efforts and the Huemans of Miami Exhibition. Various Board members stated it was a good idea to reach out to the Coral Gables Museum. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated she would reach out to the museum.

Director Training – Ms. Elejabarrieta

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised of a meeting which took place with Mr. Jairo Arana, UM Card, Ms. Haley Moss, Ms. Mary Palacio Pike, and Ms. Rochelle Baer. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated it was agreed not to have the same presentation as last one and the participants will be working on updating subject matter. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated no date has been set as of now, however it is being worked on and it will be sometime at the end of October or early November.

Update - Striping / Broken Elevator – Parking Lots – Ms. Elejabarrieta

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised striping in garage 1 and 4 will be commencing this week, latest next. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated she has provided update to Ms. Dietz directly via email.

Continual: Audible Crosswalks / Path Granada Golf Course – Ms. Elejabarrieta

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated city continues working with DOT regarding Audible Crosswalks off LeJeune and there is currently no new update information.

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised regarding Path Granada Golf Course, on the Segovia side, Segovia and Coral Way, city is getting 100% design this week and then goes to the county. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated they usually have a 45 day turn around and expect to break ground by the end of this year.

Ms. Elejabarrieta stated on the Anderson side, which is the area county is handling, county wanted to break ground by end of this year, however it most likely will be happening during next year's first quarter.

Aira App – Ms. Bedoya

Ms. Bedoya asked regarding usage of this app. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated it has not been used much. Discussion took place regarding various ways to go about making the community aware this service is available, such as stickers, QR Code, flyer, etc. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated this can be further researched and to determine the best way to proceed. Ms. Blaire stated it is also important to indicate the city is providing this service free of charge within the city limits indicated.

Stock Pictures – Ms. Palacio Pike

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised this project is to obtain photos of people with disabilities in various scenarios throughout the city to be utilized when promoting city events. Discussion then was conducted regarding best way to proceed to assure people with invisible disabilities are also included.

School Community Relations Committee – Ms. Ward Sando

Ms. Ward Sando stated she had reached out to Ms. Winnie Chang, the School Community Relations Committee regarding the status of their point person for their disability initiative within the schools. Ms. Chang advised they have not discussed it and it will be placed on their next meeting agenda. Mr. Ward Sando stated she will follow up with them and provide an update to the board.

The board had a brief discussion regarding requirements in reference to being a board member.

Ms. Palacio Pike asked about the status of the creation of a police badge regarding autism. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated she will address this with Chief Hudak. Ms. Palacio Pike asked if the Autism vehicle is still in rotation, and it was advised it is. Ms. Hastings advised autism vehicle will also be present at Adventure Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 11:00am

ATTACHMENT(S):

Minutes of the October 5, 2023