

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, September 21, 2018

Coral Gables Planning Dept., 2nd Floor Conference Room
427 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS	Jun	Jul	Au g	Se p	Oc t	No v	Dec	Jan	Fe b	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
Ariel Fernandez (appointed in Sept.)	E	-	-	P									Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Mary Snow	P	-	-	A									Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	-	P									Vice Mayor Keon
Samuel Joseph	P	-	-	P									Commissioner Lago
Carmen Cartaya	A	-	-	P									Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	-	P									City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice	P	-	-	A									Commission-as-a-whole

A = Absent
E = Excused Absence
P = Present
- = No meeting

STAFF:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

GUESTS: Representative Mari Tere Rojas, Chief Hudak, Chief Edwin Lopez, Deputy Chief Horgan, Principal Acosta Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Central Region Superintendent John Pace, Victor Alonso, June Morris

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.

-MEETING AGENDA -

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

II. ROLL CALL

Mary Snow and Theresa Rice were absent. All other board members were present; a quorum was present.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Resubmit recommendation to Commission to expand board to 11 members next month.
- State Mandates Review
 - Board discusses impact of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School Safety Act. Mari Tere summarized requirements, greatest of which is having an armed guard or police officer at every school facility.
- MDCPS Safety and Security Plan Review
 - Sunset is covered bell to bell with security.
 - There is police presence at private schools as well.
 - CG Police want to try to use same officers at schools to establish confidence, familiarity.
- SRO MOU Review
 - Naomi to send letters in support of Guardian program fund redistribution to Joint Legislative Budget Commission.
 - 10/16/2018 Town Hall at Ponce regarding ballot measure #362 which would provide additional funding for teacher salaries and school safety measures, there would also be citizen oversight committee.
 - Discussion regarding general processes that have changed to increase security. RAPTOR system to detect sexual offenders, decreasing points of entry to school campuses, creation of incident containment team (similar to SWAT), functional drills not just in schools but at sporting events, “See Something Say Something” campaign has been their greatest asset.
 - Mari Tere also proffered board item to supply social workers to district police.
 - Camera/ Surveillance is 95% complete
 - Command Center has views of 15k cameras throughout district
 - Different technology like “shot spotter” tells police instantly if shots are fired in neighborhoods including video clips to cell phones.
 - Ariel asks about Coral Gables having access to MDCPS camera feeds, Chief Hudak says regardless of having access to CGPD will respond to any school incident within city. He would also like to increase size of Youth Resource unit.
- Private Schools Safety & Security Plan Update
 - Somerset has an off-duty officer from bell to bell
 - Chief Hudak advises parents to pay close attention at police messaging because mass media messages are pushing misinformation. Departments’ twitter, facebook, social media, etc. from police department and MDCPS are the most reliable sources of information in an emergency.
 - Intelligent app is being refined and Chief Hudak will provide an update in a month or so.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

- CGSH Renovations Update
 - Victor Alonso presents site plan for Coral Gables Senior High renovation project, initial project cost was \$11.6 million and current project is about double at \$23 million.
 - CGSH is 2nd oldest active high school in MDC, behind Miami High.
 - School is now getting brand new building, old cafeteria will be demoed as well as other old buildings, 2 new buildings and brand new open courtyard. In addition to mechanical and infrastructure work and new paint and renovations.
 - Total project budget is now \$22-23 million; construction contracts worth around \$15 million
 - Phase 1-maintenance
 - Phase 2- new building
 - Phase 3- remaining renovations in 5 year plan have now been funded. Victor says 3-4 years for total project

V. NEW BUSINESS

*Committee officially adjourns at 10 am, but discussions continue about:

- Friends of Coral Gables High School Update
 - June Morris provides update on Friends of Gables alumni group. They want to start a great website, send a beautiful mailer, start logo contest with students, cocktail party with Miami High alumni, put together testimonial video, and generally improve the image and marketing of the school and tell the success stories. They will have capital fund and operational fund, first goal is 1 million!
 - Group requests a dollar amount for the potential courtyard and amphitheater project and a better rendering of the plans.
- Gables Crest School, Chairs Special Item
 - Naomi also briefs Committee on Gables Crest proposal. Committee is not happy about proposal. Lynda Eads invited to attend next meeting to brief the board.
 - Board members express concerns about traffic, proximity to Coral Gables Prep campuses and impact on businesses.
 - Ariel says all schools should come to SCRC for advisory review
 - Mari Tere and Superintendent Pace are unhappy with the process for notifying the district of project.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10am