

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of January 23, 2009 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center
405 University Drive

MEMBERS		J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	APPOINTED BY
Joan I. Valdes		R	P	P	P	P	N	P						Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Darby Plummer		R	P	P	P	P	N	P						Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Robin Symons		R	P	P	P	E	N	E						Commissioner Maria Anderson
Haydee Polo		R	P	P	A	P	N	P						Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Marty Steinberger		R	P	P	P	E	N	P						Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Martha Serola		R	P	P	P	P	N	P						City Manager David Brown
Manny Seage		R	P	P	A	P	N	P						Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A = Absent
C = Cancelled
E = Excused absence
P = Present
N = No quorum
R = Recessed
S = Sick

STAFF:

Fred Couceyro
Parks & Recreation Director

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

1. Darby Plummer called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.
2. Approval of Board minutes from November 20, 2008 meeting – Darby Plummer - The minutes of the November 20, 2008 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.
3. Updates on Board items to City Commission – Fred Couceyro

- DYL Project – Fred said that they were asking for a land swap, recommendations and guidelines which were all considered upon going to the City Commission. One of the issues is that the residents don't want a project of that size in their neighborhood. The project needs a continuation and it has been deferred by the City Commission for another two weeks.
- Riviera Park – Fred said that he had a meeting with the Riviera Neighborhood Association where he gave them valid points to consider and also proposed changes, however, they were still adamant about it even though the school is going to be paying for usage of the park. The price is going to be an upward of \$6,200 - \$6,300 for the year which works out to be \$500 per month considering that they will only use it for six months. Fred took the agreement to the Neighborhood Association for approval; the matter has been deferred for now.

4. City Projects Update – Fred Couceyro

- Shades – Fred said that all the shades are up.
- Salvadore Park – Fred said that 50% of the park is done; the courts and the lighting are good and there are different improvements to the side of the park. There were some issues with the old-subcontractor, so they had to get a new sub-contractor to complete the job.
- Venetian Pool – Fred said that there are two projects that need to be done at the pool. The first project is above water which will be done by the summer. The second project is under water which will be done after the summer because the pool will need to be closed for two months to fix the expansion joints, chlorination systems and the injection wells; A liquid membrane needs to be coated over the concrete blocks in the pool.
- Sunrise Park – Fred said that the design is done but they are still doing soil borings. Hopefully, FPL will wire the park above ground instead of under ground. The shades are done and the park has a new swing. Fred also said that he will be having a meeting with the residents to let them know about the renovations which is currently in bid process; if the bids are ready by January 29th, it will go to the City Commission in February.

5. Old Business – Darby Plummer

- There was no old business discussed at the meeting.

6. Discussion on Park of the Month – Darby Plummer

- There was no park of the month.

7. New Business – Darby Plummer

- Sr. Luncheon – Fred said that the upcoming senior luncheon is Monday, February 9th

2009 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker at the luncheon is the Secretary of the Department of Elder Affairs, E. Douglas Beach.

8. Date and time of next meeting – The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, **February 20th, 2009**. The meeting will start at **8:00 a.m.** and will be held in the **Conference Room at the Youth Center**, located at 405 University Drive.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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