

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of March 10, 2009 meeting  
Coral Gables Youth Center

MEMBERS		S	O	N	D	D	J	J	F	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY
Michael Levenstein		V	V	V	V	V	P	P	P	P	E			Mayor Slesnick
Ramon Diaz		P	N	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			Vice-Mayor Kerdyk
Leigh Cooper-Peabody		P	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Commissioner Anderson
Alexandra Morales		V	V	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P			Commissioner Cabrera
Kyle Parker		P	N	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P			Commissioner Withers
Bria Dewberry		V	V	V	V	P	P	P	P	P	P			City Manager Maria Jimenez
Carolina Valdes-Lora		P	N	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Recreation Advisory Board

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

**STAFF:**

Luanne Santangelo  
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Roxana Gonzalez  
Youth Center Supervisor

**GUESTS:**

- Meeting Called to Order** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.
- Review of Bingo & Teen Night** – The Board discussed the results of the Bingo and Teen Night Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life. The events raised a combined total of \$1,000. Fifty (50) individuals played Bingo and attended the Teen Night.

The Board was very pleased with the Bingo Night and the number of participants. They felt that they, the Board, could have done a more thorough job of distributing the Teen Night information to their peers and neighborhoods.

**3. Old Business**

- Playful City USA – The Board would like to pursue their previous commitment to participate in the Playful City USA designation. Ms. Santangelo will provide information at the next meeting regarding the status of the application and potential dates for the Play Day.

**4. New Business**

- a. Former Chair Juan Diaz-Padron contacted current Chair Leigh Cooper to discuss a donation of artwork for placement in a public area of the City. Ms. Santangelo will contact the Development Department to ask the procedure for Art in Public Places.
- b. Future Plans for the Youth Advisory Board – Chair Leigh Cooper asked the Board to think about the future direction of the Advisory Board and to be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
- c. Chair Cooper also brought up her conversations with both Commissioner Cabrera and Commissioner Anderson who both expressed an interest in attending a future meeting of the Youth Advisory Board. M. Levenstein also included his conversation with Mayor Slesnick and his invitation to the Board to attend an upcoming Commission meeting.

**5. Date and time of next meeting** –The next two meeting of the Youth Advisory Board will be held on Tuesday, April 7 and Tuesday, May 5. Both meetings will be held at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Coral Gables Youth Center

**6. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.