

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of January 21, 2011 meeting
Coral Gables Youth Center
405 University Drive

| MEMBERS | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | J | APPOINTED BY |
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| Joan I. Valdes | P | N | P | N | P | P | P | P | P | P | R | P | Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II |
| Valerie Gelnovatch | E | N | P | N | P | A | E | E | P | P | R | E | Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr. |
| Emilio Monte | P | N | P | N | P | P | P | P | P | P | R | V | Comm. Maria Anderson |
| Jorge Guarch | P | N | E | N | P | P | P | P | P | E | R | P | Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr. |
| Marty Steinberger | P | N | P | N | P | P | E | A | P | A | R | P | Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers |
| Martha Serola | P | N | P | N | P | P | E | E | P | P | R | P | City Manager Patrick G. Salerno |
| Manny Seage | P | N | E | N | P | P | E | E | E | P | R | P | Parks and Recreation Advisory Board |

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

STAFF:

Fred Couceyro
Parks & Recreation Director

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

1. Joan Valdes called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.
2. Approval of Board minutes from November 19, 2010 meeting – Joan Valdes – A motion was made by Dr. Manny Seage to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2010. Motion was passed unanimously.
3. Update on Board items to City Commission – Fred Couceyro

There are two upcoming special events going before the City Commission on January 25, 2011. Kiwanis Club of Little Havana will be having their annual Carnaval on the Mile which

will be held on March 4, 2011 at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park and March 5, 2011 and March 6, 2011 on Miracle Mile. Fritz and Franz Bierhaus will also be having their annual Bluesfest on March 17, 2011 through March 20, 2011 at the plaza on Merrick Way.

Fabio Rodriguez, Marketing Specialist of Parks & Recreation has been selected for February's Employee of the Month. Fabio is an excellent employee and well deserving of employee of the month. He creates the Leisure Guide himself, does all the flyers, posters, and marketing for the Parks & Recreation Department.

4. City Projects Update

Phillip's Park – The rubber surfacing on the playground and improvements to the walk way are finished.

Biltmore Tennis Center – Bleacher project is almost finished.

5. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

6. New Business

One of our Board members, Emilio Monte resigned from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board last month.

There have been some Pink Snails making its way across the City of Coral Gables from the Miami Beach Art Basel and will be in the City of Coral Gables for two months. The Pink Snails are made of recyclable materials and brings a green message about the importance of recycling and its environmental impact.

In lieu of the 20 year Development Agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the University of Miami, Coral Gables residents are invited to attend nine free Lecture Series. The first of its series will be held on February 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. University of Miami President, Donna Shalala will be lecturing on "Health Care Reform." You need to call and R.S.V.P. if you would like to attend. There is also an upcoming Concert Series that Coral Gables residents will be invited to. An e-vite will be sent to all Board members informing them of the Concert Series.

There will also be free tickets for upcoming Canes Women's Basketball games. Residents of Coral Gables will receive up to 4 tickets per household. Tickets can be picked up at the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center.

The Coral Gables Farmers Market began last Saturday, January 15, 2011 and runs every

Saturday until March 26, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. The Parks & Recreation Department is now in charge of the Farmers Market.

7. Park of the Month – The Board has designated Salvadore Park.
8. Date and time of next meeting – The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is Friday, February 25, 2011. The meeting will start at **8:15 a.m.** and will be held at Coral Gables Youth Center located at 405 University Drive, Coral Gables.
9. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.