

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of August 14, 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											Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Darby Plummer	R	E											Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Emilio Monte	R	P											Comm. Maria Anderson
Jorge Guarch	R	P											Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Marty Steinberger	R	P											Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Martha Serola	R	E											City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Manny Seage	R	P											Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

STAFF:

Luanne Santangelo
Parks & Recreation Assistant Director

Tricia Spencer
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

- Joan Valdes called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.
- Approval of Board minutes from June 26, 2009 meeting – Joan Valdes - The minutes of the June 26, 2009 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.
- Appearance by Ms. Garcia and Mr. Delgado (Department of Transportation)

Members of the Department of Transportation did not show up for the meeting.

3. Old Business

Riviera Park – Marty asked about the construction that was going on at Riviera Park and the Riviera Day School use of the park.

Luanne said that the park is surrounded by a fence due to the construction project under way. Since the park is going to be closed for the next six months there is nothing further with the Riviera Day School usage of the park at this time. School will host a neighborhood meeting in the future.

Venetian Pool – Luanne said that Public Works is in the process of rebidding Phase II of the renovation project. The pool will be closing on November 2, 2009

Sunrise Park – Joan inquired about the FPL utility line.

The bid went out and construction will be starting soon; the park will be closed during that time.

Jorge wanted to know if the fountain repairs and green area east of 57th avenue was being done by the City of Coral Gables or by the Department of Transportation. Luanne said that she thought it was being done by the City of Coral Gables.

4. Discussion on Park of the Month

Venetian Pool was selected as Park of the Month for this meeting. Emilio Monte visited the Venetian Pool saying that the place looks great and he likes what they did with the renovations. Park of the month for next meeting is Salvadore Tennis.

5. New Business

Luanne stated that today, August 14, is the last day of summer camp. Attendance was somewhat lower than last year's at the Youth Center, but enrollment stayed consistent. Tennis camp seemed to be the same as last year and Venetian Pool's Junior Lifeguard camp increased in numbers from last year.

The Youth Center is going to be closed next week for Maintenance.

Manny wanted to know the cost of all day summer camp at the Youth Center and if Fred signed the contract as yet with the new golf cart company.

Luanne said that Fred did not sign any contract as yet because the golf cart company's lease has not expired as yet.

Fees are \$182.00 for residents and \$227 for non-resident.

The Youth Advisory Board new member has not been appointed as yet by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, they will meet on September 01st, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Luanne asked the Board if they know of anyone that would like to become a member of the Youth

Advisory Board to let her know. She also will ask the Youth Advisory Board members if they know of anyone who would like to join the board. Luanne invited members of the Board to attend one of the YAB meetings. Luanne will provide a list of meeting dates.

Manny inquired about the operating hours at the Biltmore Golf Course because a resident told him that he was playing golf at the Biltmore Golf Course and around 6:30 p.m. he was asked to return the golf cart to the shop because they were closing. Manny also wanted to know who sets the hours.

Luanne said that the Biltmore Golf Course sets the hours and that she will send all the board members' information on the hours of operation at the Biltmore Golf Course.

6. Date and time of next meeting – The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, **September 18th, 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.
7. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.