

**CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, February 17, 2017**

**Coral Gables City Hall**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

MEMBERS	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul. 24	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	APPOINTED BY
Kris Charlton											P		Mayor Cason
Mary Snow						P				P	P		Vice Mayor Quesada
Aileen Ortega	p	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	P	P		Commissioner Keon
Samuel Joseph	p	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	P	P		Commissioner Lago
													Commissioner Slesnick
Nan Markowitz	p	P	P	P	-	P		P	P	P	P		City Manager Swanson-Rivenbar
Theresa Rice								P	P	P	E		Commission-as-a-whole

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

**STAFF:**

Naomi Levi Garcia, Government Affairs Manager

**GUESTS:** Iraida Mendez-Cartaya, Jaques Bentolila, Beatriz Martinez-Penalver, Commissioner Pat Keon, Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick, School Board Representative Mari Tere Rojas

**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 8:33am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

All board members were present except for Theresa Rice who had a family emergency. A quorum was present.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Nan made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> SCRC meeting, Kris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **a. West Lab Elementary School**

- The board discussed the history of the West Lab negotiations and the proposed expansion scheduled for the Development Review Committee
- The board also discussed the draft Resolution, what it means in the larger context, timing and implications
- Commissioner Keon feels we do not have adequate seats (or space) in public elementary schools for Coral Gables residents
- Iraida says the community needs to show up and demand a seat at their local school i.e. a grassroots effort
- Commissioner Keon wants SCRC to go back to ABC to ask for change in Craft Section boundary in order to move students from Tucker Elementary to Carver Elementary
- Iraida mentions the transfer process, stating “If a school has capacity, schools are compelled to let in any kid, from anywhere”
- The board votes on the West Lab resolution:

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CORAL GABLES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE URGING THE CITY COMMISSION TO PURCHASE A DEDICATED CLASSROOM AT HENRY S. WEST LABORATORY SCHOOL AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$4.5 MILLION DOLLARS, SECURING ONE CLASSROOM PER GRADE LEVEL FROM KINDERGARDEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY STUDENT STATIONS, FOR CORAL GABLES RESIDENTS IN PERPETUITY.**

**Mary moves the Resolution, Sam seconds the motion, Mary, Aileen, Sam, and Kris vote in favor, Nan abstains. The motion passes.**

##### **b. Special Needs Initiative**

- Sam has typed up the meeting notes from the last Special Needs Planning meeting, asks board to vote on whether to submit notes to Commission for consideration and guidance.
- **Nan makes a motion to submit the SNI meeting notes to Commission for consideration and guidance, Sam seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Representative Rojas' School Board Items

- Sam provides a summary of sponsored items
- Both items passed unanimously at School Board
  - School Board authorized superintendent to conduct a feasibility study for body cameras in public schools and consider a pilot program for the 2017-2018 school year.
  - School Board authorized superintendent to provide a status report with recommendations to formalize a Districtwide Safety and Security Committee by April 5, 2017.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am