

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 5, 2025

4:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/86149844627>

Adult Activity Center

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Judith “Jude” Alexander
Javier Figueras
Julian Sevillano

Absent:

Jean Connelly
Gerardo Alvarez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SUPERVISORS REPORT

The quorum was not met so approval of the May Senior Advisory Board’s minutes postponed to the next meeting.

a. General Updates

AAC Manager Norma Gavarrete began discussing the upcoming AAC Summer Kickoff Luncheon on June 6th, A Saturday at the Cinema showing "Breakfast at Tiffany's" on June 28th, and two new art classes to be led by an AAC GSR, Sip & Sculpt and Swirl & Smile on varying Saturdays. Community Recreation Director Fred Couceyro then discussed the upcoming A Saturday at the Cinema explaining that the program will now be run solely by the AAC and that they are still discussing what will be the movie selection for the July 26th showing.

AAC Manager Norma Gavarrete then discussed a minor construction project that is necessary to address plumbing issues the facility has been experiencing, stating that will hopefully be completed while it is still Summer which is t slower season for the AAC. Norma then mentioned the ceiling leak outside of the Great Room stating that the responsibility falls on The Palace and that they are working to address the root cause before they patch the roof again.

b. Special Events

AAC Summer Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 2025 - Friday, June 6 at 1 p.m. and A Saturday at the Cinema, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" - Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m.

c. Administrative Updates

Coral Gables Fourth of July Centennial Celebration - Friday, July 4at 5 p.m.

Community Recreation Director Fred Couceyro began by discussing changes in the City Manager's office while also noting the changes in the election dates passed in the previous commission meeting. Director Couceyro then discussed the Phillips Park, stating that about half of the money for this project has been reallocated towards the ongoing projects in City Hall. This has led to the department turning to more of a phased plan emphasizing building the field, playground and resurfacing the courts in the short term and focusing on the new building further down the road.

Director Coucweyro then discussed the community meeting that took place regarding the Granada golf course shelters, stating that it was a very positive meeting with the plan being two bigger shelters being installed and redoing the current shelters to look like what they are now. He then discussed three parks set to open within the next couple weeks, Dorothy Thompson Park, Blue Road Park, and the underline dog park. Following discussions Director Couceyro then clarified that the underline project will also be two separate parks including an outdoor fitness gym and Pickleball courts that will be run by the county at this time.

Director Couceyro then discussed the projects being conducted at the Venetian Pool, stating that there are issues that are issues being found throughout the project that must be addressed pushing the completion date, and there is no official open date at this time. Board member Judith "Jude" Alexander then inquired if the pool would remain open during the winter season, Director Couceyro responded that they

are looking at keeping the pool open, however the main concern will be figuring out a staffing plan for holiday park as this is usually staffed by the Venetian Pool employees during the closure.

Director Couceyro then discussed the Fourth of July event stating that they are doing something new this year by incorporating a ten-minute drone show before the fireworks display. He continued to state that they are still finalizing the details of the drone show and the different shapes and symbols they will form for the show.

Director Couceyro then discussed the emergency AED poles at within the parks, stating that they are piloting this at Salvadore and Majorie Park. He stated that if this goes well the direction is to install one in each park, however, they are very costly so depending on the response and success of piloting them they will explore options to expand the program.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Selection of Board Member at Large

Community Recreation Director Fred Couceyro then explained the process for filling the board member at large sea, stating that anyone interested would need to apply on the city clerk's site and then a sitting member would need to nominate them before the board voted on the seat.

Board member Judith "Jude" Alexander then inquired about the July meeting date, following discussions it was decided that the meeting would be cancelled with the boards next meeting taking place in August.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Board member Julian Sevillano then mentioned that there are two damaged light poles at Kerdyk Park near his home that need to be addressed noting that one already has a fence around it. Community Recreation Director Fred Couceyro stated that he is recaching out to get an update and ensure that these issues are being addressed.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Next meeting date Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm

NOTE