

CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Friday, January 19, 2018

427 Biltmore Way
2nd Floor Conference Room
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBER S	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
Ariel Fernandez (appointed in Sept.)		-		-	P	P	P	A					Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Mary Snow	P	-	P	-	E	P	P	P					Commissioner Quesada
Aileen Ortega	A	-	A	-	P	A	E	P					Vice Mayor Keon
Samuel Joseph	P	-	P	-	P	A	P	P					Commissioner Lago
Carmen Manrara-Cartaya	P	-	P	-	P	A	P	P					Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	P	-	P	P	P	P					City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark
Theresa Rice	P	-	P	-	P	P	A	P					Commission-as-a-whole

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

STAFF:

Mitchell C. Zuriarrain – Community Recreation Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Mari Tere Rojas, John Pace, Adolfo Costa, Milagro Hernandez

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Mitchell C. Zuriarrain – Community Recreation Administrative Assistant

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 8:30am.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ariel Fernandez was absent. All other members were in attendance and a quorum was present. **Mary made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Carmen and passed unanimously.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report From Mari Tere Rojas

- Discussing succession management for Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- Also she reported the success of her satellite office hours understanding that office hours downtown may be much more difficult for constituents to access.
- School Board Member Mari Tere Rojas for a District 6 Town Hall Wednesday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m.
- The Town Hall event will honor our public schools in the City of Coral Gables. The event will be hosted at Ponce de Leon Middle School which is located at 5801 Augusto Street.
- Sam mentioned that an official request has been made to have a town hall meeting regarding the General Obligation Bond for Coral Gables Senior High School. He also discussed that two contracts for GOB were approved at the last school board meeting for George Washington Carver Middle School.

b. SCRC Commission Update Review /

- Overall review went well; briefing was over thirty five minutes long. This reviewed all of the achievements and projects of the SCRC committee. Sam also reviewed each committee member's projects within the scope of the commission update.

IV. ONGOING BUSINESS

- Sam also discussed the upcoming Coral Gables Children's Festival at the Coral Gables Women's Club; he will be attending in order to disperse information on behalf of the committee.
- Coral Gables History Tours was a great pilot program and after discussing with Mr. Bradsofski with the Coral Gables Museum, Sam feels moving towards a more long term sustainability plan. This would require getting the total numbers of 4th grade students in the City of Coral Gables area schools. Also Sam showed an interest in working with MDCPS to expand the program.
- Sam began a discussion with the possibility in moving the location as well as the time/date of the meetings moving forward. Sam stressed the perception wise changes that have occurred since the committee has moved from its original location. Sam also mentioned because of a time commitment commission liaison Patricia Keon cannot make it to the meeting moving forward changing the time would make it easier for Vice Mayor Keon to attend. The board discussed keeping the meetings to Friday morning but moving it to the last Friday monthly pending approval of the City staff and availability. **Carmen Manrara-Cartaya motioned to make the new meeting time 8:30-10:00am this was seconded by Aileen Ortega, this was voted on unanimously by the committee.**
- Also the board showed a desire to expand the size of the committee to eleven members in order to cover every school within the area and projects. **Aileen Ortega made a motion to request the expansion of the School and Community relations Committee to eleven members this was seconded by Mary Snow and voted on unanimously by the committee.**
- Principal of Coral Gables Senior High school Adolfo Costa discussed the schools new teaching program which helps students who are interested in the field of education gain hours and experience in the field.
- Sandy Dimitris discussed a meeting that she had with City staff along with School Board Member Rojas of including PTSA members of CGHS and Mr. John Pace agreed to help with coordinating efforts to better disseminate information.

V. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 9:52am. The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2018.