

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2018

8:15 AM

The Board meets the third Thursday of every month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

@ 8:27am

ROLL CALL

Present: Kirk Menendez, Carlos Hernandez, Debbie Swain, Nancy Leslie, Charlie Rua, Felix Pardo

Absent Excused: Desmond Gonzalez, Wifredo Fernandez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motioned to be approved with changes by Debbie Swain this was seconded by Charlie Rua.

This passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director Fred Coucyero updated the board as to the status of the Youth Center & Parks Master plan. The contract went to Commission has been approved and reviewed by the City Commission. Despite several formal complaints being lobbied, Fred explained that although AECOM was not the lowest bidder they added more value to the contract and has a proven track record in providing the City with a quality product. Felix Pardo explained based on his experince AECOM met all the specific requirements that the City asked for.

Fred continued his report touching base on upcoming world cup special events, explaining that Fritz & Franz will have seven events throughout the world cup. Also several events will be going on Giralda, despite issues there will be most likely two events for the world cup finals.

Fred updated the board on upcoming capital projects like the passive parks as well as the fitness tails at both the Youth Center and Kerdyk Park. Fred explained that the Community Recreation will be taken on a total of 24 parks in order to maintain a consistent level of service.He also explained the sucess of the dog waste station program which has "taken on a life of its own" , the City will continue to take requests and is moving towards getting a GIS map with all the locations of the dog waste stations which will be made available to residents.

-Jonathan's Day / City Special Needs Event Update

Fred updated the board on the status of the events, explaining the that the Commission approved the City having a special needs event. With the caveate that fundung will be coming from outside the department normal operating budget.

-Discussion on Espanola Soccer

Fred disucssed the oppuntunity to partner with Espanola soccer and their willingness to inject capital into our fields in order to secure a partnership. Felix Pardo explained that the neighbors around the Coral Gables

Highschool field will not be very receptive to this change or field use. Fred wanted the board to be aware of discussions, several members of the board warned that the idea of an outside club will not benefit the residential population.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:

Location: Youth Center

Time: 8:15am

Date: August 2, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

@9:56am

NOTE