



## **City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting December 14, 2010**

### **ITEM TITLE:**

Acceptance of the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee meeting minutes for October 4, 2010.

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robert Berman. The committee approved the absences and previous meeting minutes.

An update on University of Miami Planning and Construction Initiatives was given by Ms. Corral: The Alumni Center is completed. Construction on the wellness Center began this February and it is expected to be finished in February next year. The addition for the Cox Science Building, the Neuroscience Pavilion is currently in the Building permitting process. The University hopes to start Construction this December. Miami-Dade Transit will fund most of the construction of the Pedestrian Bridge linking the Metro Rail Station with the Shopping Center across US-1 where the Friday's restaurant is located. The City of Coral Gables and the University are holding conversations to try to fill in the gap on the financing. The City of Coral Gables Historic Preservation Department has determined the large art building and four apartment buildings to be historically significant; these will be scheduled to be restored. The non-significant buildings will be scheduled for demolition in the near future. A presentation was made by Jeff Bass, attorney representing the University of Miami, regarding the Development Agreement.

Discussion ensued reference the timeline on the approval of the Development Agreement.

Vice President of Governmental Relations, Rudy Fernandez, suggested: we communicate with the officials who appointed us and the City manager's office scheduling meetings in a timelier manner to have an effect on major things that are brought in front of the City Commission.

Mr. Alpern, President of the Interfraternity Council, reported: There is a new fraternity on campus the first fraternity for the Gay, bisexual and progressive men. We've seen major external improvements to the fraternity houses within the last year such as new paint jobs and the construction of a new house on campus.

Ms. Whately, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported: Homecoming weekend is the first weekend in November. November 5<sup>th</sup> is the parade, the concert on the green and the boat burning. The University is hosting the Dali Lama on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. There are less shuttles on the road during the day due to a reduction and re-organization of the

routes. A new program called “canes care for other canes” was implemented designed to prevent suicides on college campuses.

Ms. Farmer, President of Student Government and Mr. Bortoletto, Vice President of Student Government reported on the implementation of green initiative programs for students.

A motion was made to hold the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee on Monday, March 7, 2011. Meeting was adjourned.

**ATTACHMENT:**

**1. Minutes of the University of Miami Community Relations Committee of October 4, 2010.**