

City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Friday, October 15, 2021

8:30 AM

Community Meeting Room A

Police & Fire HQ - 2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL 33134

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Ariel Fernandez
Vice Chairperson Sam Joseph
Board Member Erin Anding
Board Member Winnie Chang
Board Member Sandy Dimitris
Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya
Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick
Board Member Jennifer Ward Sando
Board Member Sharon Watson

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, October 15, 2021, commencing at 8:30 a.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893614478>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 786 635 1003 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The School Community Relations Committee Draft Minutes of September 24, 2021.

Attachments: [Cover Memo.docx](#)
[Draft SCRC Sept. 24 Minutes.pdf](#)

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The School Community Relations Committee provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The committee looks for opportunities to improve schools in terms of physical appearance, community involvement, and quality of education. The Committee will also provide oversight of the City's educational landscape; making sure the City is fulfilling its recent education commitments and assuring that the needs of students and families are being adequately served by the public-school system. Finally, the Committee is intended to serve as a review committee for the Education Compact between the City and Miami Dade Public Schools.

Public Comments shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. A ten second reminder will be provided to the speaker upon the closing of their time.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- C-1 **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Member)**
- C-2 **Follow-up discussion on Miami-Dade County Public School Board redistricting (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)**

C-3 Discussion with Mayor Lago (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)

Discussion Topics:

- *How can the committee align with the Mayor's educational initiative?*
- *Page program / Fellowship Program: Discuss ways to keep Coral Gables Senior High School at the forefront of these programs.*
- *Mayor's thoughts on the future of the Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival.*
- *Discussion on having book readings at the Farmers Market.*
- *Coral Gables Preparatory Academy and Coral Gables High School's 100-year Anniversary.*
- *Request for a School Community Relations Committee budget.*
- *What is a need or blind spot that the Mayor thinks the SCRC can assist with?*
- *Discuss sustainability in Coral Gables schools.*
- *Discuss crossing guards at Coral Gables High School.*
- *How can the City partner with MDCPS to bring self-contained autism classrooms to Coral Gables public schools.*

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, November 19, 2021

Questions/Comments: scrc@coralgables.com

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE

Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.

Any person with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail : relejabarrieta@coralgables.com, Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.

