

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 18, 2017

8:15 AM

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**@ 8:39 AM**

**ROLL CALL**

**Nancy Leslie and Charlie Rua were absent and not excused. Meeting did not have quorum.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**No quorum minutes could not be approved.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**-Welcoming of newly elected board member Desmond Gonzalez**

**Meeting opened with welcoming newest board member Desmond Gonzalez, Fred explained the objectives and purpose of the Parks Advisory Board.**

**Fred continued his report by discussing possible nominations for the member at large position on the board.**

**Fred also discussed the ongoing capital projects:**

**-Youth Center**

**-Granada Golf**

**-5 Passive Parks**

## **NEW BUISNESS**

### **-Resident Participation in recreation programs**

Fred opened the discussion with the specific example of Mr. Alex Sanchez who believes that our soccer program has become much more less focused on resident participation. As a result the program has become more competitive not allowing for residents to participate in the program. Fred explained that the traveling competitive soccer is roughly 44% resident and the recreational program is roughly 88% resident. Felix Pardo brought up the Mayor's concern that if resident tax payer money is going into a program resident should have preference.

Fred explained that we one of the only fully municipal soccer programs, moving forward the City is going to ask whether a player trying out is a resident or non-resident. Fred explained any program that any program or activity that is skill based my not always lend itself to residents having the best skills, he specifically referenced the theater program at the Youth center which is in a much similar situation in terms of resident vs non-resident partiticipation.

### **-Granada Golf Carts**

Fred discussed the options for new Golf carts at Granada.

### **-Discussion on Solar powered park amenities**

Fred introduced the idea of the solar powered bench that, immediately Carlos Hernandez brought up concerns of a very hot bench and what devices would be safe to be charging in direct sun and heat. Fred explained that he would work with the vendor to remedy shade, heat tolerance, and maintainence of the bench.

## **OLD BUISNESS**

**ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

**Date & Time of next meeting:**

**September 22nd @ 8:15am**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**@ 10:05 am**

**NOTE**