

City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Agenda

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Winnie Chang
Vice Chairperson Sandy Dimitris
Board Member Erin Anding
Board Member Joshua Goodman
Board Member Ana Lam
Board Member Andrew Nadal
Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick
Board Member Sharon Watson

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, 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: 305-461-6769 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 Minutes of Nov. 17, 2023.

Attachments: [Draft SCRC Minutes - Nov. 17](#)

[Cover Memo](#)

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 prior to the closing of their time.

C. NEW BUSINESS

C-1 **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Chair)**

C-2 **Presentation on Riders Robotics League (Facilitated by Max Ringelheim of Riders.ai)**

D. OLD BUSINESS

D-1 **Discussion on the People with Disabilities Planning Group (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

E. ONGOING BUSINESS

E-1 **General Updates (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Staff Liaison)**

- Update on Dec. 12 Commission Meeting in relations to item 2.1 (SCRC Resolution)
- Holiday Sip & Shop Recap

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

Questions/Comments: scrc@coralgables.com

F-2 Join a local PTA or subscribe to their newsletters using the following links:

Sunset Elementary
<https://www.sunsetpta.org/membership>

Coral Gables Preparatory Academy
<https://coralgablespreppta.membershiptoolkit.com/whyjoin>

GW Carver Elementary
<https://gwcarverelem.memberhub.com/store?category=PTA%20Memberships-%20JOIN%20TODAY>

GW Carver Middle School
<https://carvermiddle.memberhub.com/store>

Ponce de Leon Middle School
<https://ponceptsamemberhub.memberhub.com/store>

Coral Gables High School
<http://gablespta.org/join/>

International Studies Preparatory Academy High School
<https://ispa-pta.com/join-pta/>

West Lab -
<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>

F-3 Carolers in Downtown Coral Gables - Dec. 15 & 16 | 7 to 9 p.m.

During this holiday season, enjoy carolers' angelic voices as you walk, shop and dine in Downtown Coral Gables. Carolers, dressed in holiday "caroling" attire from local high school choirs, will stroll through the streets of Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays. This event is sponsored by the Coral Gables Economic Development Department.

F-4 Hot Chocolate with Santa - Dec. 16 & 17 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Warm up for the holidays while sipping Hot Chocolate with Santa and get exclusive access to the Holiday Park playground. Event includes a photo opportunity with Santa, hot beverage and children's activity. Cost is \$30 for a group of four. Exclusively for Coral Gables residents. Advanced ticket registration is required to participate.

For more information, please email specialevents@coralgables.com.

F-5 Merrick House Holiday Celebration - Dec. 17 | 2 to 5 p.m.

Come to the Merrick House on Dec. 17 and embrace the nostalgia of traditional caroling, handcrafted gifts, vintage wares and holiday confections! Games, crafts, and a visit from Santa for the wee folk will make it a day to remember.

F-6 Giralda Live - Jan. 5 | 7 to 11 p.m.

Every first Friday of the month there is live music and activities headed to Giralda Plaza from 7 to 11 p.m., with live music from 8 to 10 p.m. The series, Giralda Live will

transform this pedestrian street into the place to be on Friday nights. Dive deep into the rich tapestry of our local culture as you relish curated delicacies from premier local eateries, explore local artist, vendors, and enjoy lively music throughout the night. Giralda Live is more than just an event. It's the vibrant pulse where our community comes alive! This event is a collaboration between Diageo and the City of Coral Gables.

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.