

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

7:00 PM

The board meets the first Wednesday of the very month.  
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL  
**Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

at 7:03pm

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Present:**

**Samantha Simpson  
Alec Schneider  
Kirk Menendez, Jr  
Gabriella Toyos  
Natalie Gonzalez  
Jorge G. Hernandez**

### **Absent:**

**Mihir Pabby**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Natalie Gonzalez and second by Gabriella Toyos. Motion passed unanimously.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo began his report by going over the successful events we had over the Memorial Day weekend. On Saturday May 29th we had our first annual Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival that turned out somewhere between 1200-1500 event goers. Highlights to the event include a Scholastic Book fair, book readings, petting zoo, food trucks, resource vendors, and much more. We plan on having the event again next year. The other event that took place was the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony hosted at the War Memorial Youth Center. Staff and city officials spoke during the ceremony.

We continued with the director's report with going over the upcoming Parks and Recreation e-newsletter. Items that were brought up were the upcoming summer camp programs, Learn to Swim, Tennis and Golf camps. The board was also informed a new Director of Coaching was hired for soccer at the Youth Center. Tryouts have already taken place and will begin programming in the Fall.

The board was also notified that the July Fourth event at the Biltmore will not be taken place this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Reappointment of Board Member at Large**

A motion to reappoint Jorge Hernandez at the Board-Member-at-Large position was made by Kirk Menendez Jr. and second by Gabriella Toyos. Motion was passed unanimously.

### **b. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

The agenda item to select a vice chair was discussed and two candidates were nominated- Alec Schneider and Natalie Gonzalez. No majority vote was established. Item will be moved to the next agenda.

## **ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

The next meeting will be scheduled tentatively for July 7th at 7:00 pm at the Adult Activities Center. Board members will submit their schedules to the board's secretary to select alternate dates that will work with everyone's summer schedules.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

## **NOTE**