

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

6:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/88544224443>

Youth Center, Conference Room

Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

a. Roll Call and Excusal of Absences

Present: 5 - Board member Nicole Schneider, Board member Gabriella R. Chong, Board member Lucas Martinez-Miro, Board member Alexa Tapanes and Board member Isabella Gonzalez

Excused: 2 - Board member Eduardo Garcia and Board member Angelica Santeliz

A MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF ANGELICA SANTELIZ WAS MADE BY ALEXA TAPANES AND SECOND BY GABRIELLA R. CHONG. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Approval of October meeting minutes

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MEETINGS MINUTES WAS MADE BY ALEXA TAPANES AND WAS SECONDED BY LUCAS MARTINEZ-MIRO. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

a. General Updates

Supervisor Carlos Pichardo began his report by discussing about the Nightmare at 405 at the War Memorial Youth Center, which took place on Tuesday, October 31st at 6:30 p.m. He updated the board members on how the event was performed and how Board member Lucas Martinez-Miro volunteered at the event. Carlos informed the board that around 500 individuals attended the event.

Carlos Pichardo proceeded to update the board on the CG Youth Center's upcoming sports, which include travel soccer, flag football, and volleyball.

b. Special Events

Supervisor Carlos Pichardo announced that the Hoop It Up Tournament will take place on Saturday, November 18th at 10 a.m. This is a three-point contest; for more details, please see our playgables.com website.

Supervisor Carlos continued to announce forthcoming activities for the month of December, including the City of Coral Gables Holiday Tree Lighting event on Friday, Dec 1st at 5p.m. and the Junior Orange Bowl Parade 2023 on Sunday, Dec 10th at 5p.m. Carlos proceeded to update the board members about volunteer opportunities at the JOB parade event. He also mentioned that the city has a float in which children from the youth center's aftercare program participate.

Administrative Assistant Susan mentioned that the Community Recreation Directors wanted to convey with the board members that if they wanted to join and volunteer in the JOB parade event, they should let us know.

c. Administrative Updates

Administrative Assistant Susan quickly went over some of our upcoming events, which include America Recycles Day at the Adult Activity Center - Friday, Nov. 15, 12:30 p.m., 15th Annual William M. Schiff Art Show at the Adult Activity Center - Friday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., Parks Pollinator Patch at the War Memorial Youth Center Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. and My Squad Dance & Painting at the DEI Clubhouse - Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

Susan informed the board that if any board members are interested in volunteering at any of our future special events, they should let us know and she will connect them to the event's point of contact.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

a. Selection of Board Member at Large

Administrative Assistant Susan mentioned that the board must select a new Board-as-a-whole member and that they must submit a résumé or a paragraph explaining why they want to serve on the board. Susan suggested that potential nominees submit their resumes before the next meeting, after which we will disseminate resumes to the whole board, who will then analyze and choose their seventh member. According to Susan the City Clerk's office advised applying online and sending applications through the portal, which we would then distribute to the board. Susan encouraged the board members to share the Boards and Committees link with the possible nominees.

b. Social media accounts

Due to the absence of Board member Angelica Santeliz, who introduced this item, Chair Nicole Schneider proposed moving the social media item to next month's agenda. Nicole feels that the Youth Center's varied programs, activities, camps, and special events should be promoted through social media

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Supervisor Carlos Pichardo reminded the board members that if they had an item for discussion that they wanted to include on the next agenda, they should notify Susan.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Next meeting date December 6, 2023 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:13 P.M. WAS MADE BY GABRIELLA R. CHONG AND WAS SECONDED BY ALEXA TAPANES. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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