

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

6:00 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88544224443>

Youth Center, Conference Room

## Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

*Chairperson Natalie Gonzalez*  
*Vice Chairperson Nicole Schneider*  
*Board Member Eduardo Garcia*  
*Board Member Isabella Gonzalez*  
*Board Member Angelica Santeliz*  
*Board Member Heidi Santeliz*  
*Board Member Alexa Tapanes*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting began at 6:03p.m.**

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Board Member Santeliz, Board Member Schneider, Board Member Santeliz, Board Member Gonzalez and Board Member Gonzalez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Tapanes and Board Member Garcia

### **a. Roll Call and Excusal of Absenses**

A MOTION TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCES OF EDUARDO GARCIA AND ALEXA TAPANES WAS MADE BY NICOLE SCHNEIDER AND SECOND BY ISABELLA GONZALEZ. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **a. Approval of February Meeting Minutes**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY ISABELLA GONZALEZ AND SECOND BY NICOLE SCHNEIDER. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

### **a. General Updates**

Supervisor Pichardo began his report with updates on the CG Youth Center summer camp and summer counselor hiring jobs. Carlos advised the board members if they are interested in looking for a summer job, they can apply at the city website.

Carlos brought up the CG Family Literacy event that will take place May 20th, 2023. He advised the board members that if they need volunteer hours, they should let him know.

### **b. Special Events**

Supervisor Espino quickly went over some of our upcoming events, including An Afternoon at the Cinema for “Casablanca”, sponsored by Commissioner Menendez on May 6th at 12p.m., the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29th at 9a.m., and the Spectacular Gables Fourth Fireworks Celebration at the Biltmore Hotel on July 4th at 5p.m.

### **c. Administrative Updates**

Supervisor Espino brought up the fact that there will be a community input meeting at the end of May for Blue Road open space, Phillips Park, and Toledo & Alava open space. Board members are welcome to attend the in-person meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Board member Angelica Santeliz brought to the attention of staff that a comment was made regarding Phillips Park. She mentioned her concerns about vandalism and how there is no enforcement at that park. Supervisor Pichardo and Supervisor Espino explained there is a project in the works for Phillips Park. Eventually, the plan for the park is to become a smaller version of the Youth Center with staffing. Sarah asked Board Member Angelica if she could share a screenshot of the comment with the attached image so that she can share it with Director Couceyro.

Board Chair Natalie Gonzalez asked about the Advisory Board luncheon invite. Supervisor Espino advised that the invitation came from the City Clerk's office and that the luncheon will take place on May 11th, 2023.

## **ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

### **a. Board Appointments**

Supervisor Espino also mentioned the new commissioners that were sworn in on April 28, 2023. Youth advisory board members that would like to re-apply need to send their applications to the City Clerk's office or to let the community recreation office know.

### **b. Next Meeting Date - June 7, 2023 at 6 pm**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourn at 6:24p.m.

## **NOTE**