City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2025

8:00 AM

https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/89943974263

Youth Center - Conference Room

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Chairperson Carlos Hernandez
Vice Chairperson Jennifer Marques
Board Member Aron Eizenstat
Board Member Antonio Gonzalez
Board Member Maite Halley
Board Member Erik Rodriguez
Board Member Yamilet Rodriguez
Board Member Richard Smit

CALL TO ORDER

Began at 8:18 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Board member Antonio Gonzalez, Board member Maite Halley, and Board member Aaron Aizenstat, Board member Yamilet Rodriguez, Vice-Chair Jennifer Marquez and Chair Carlos Hernandez and Richard Smit

Excused: 1 - Board member Erik Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH MINUTES MEETING WAS MADE BY ANTONIO GONZALEZ AND SECOND BY RICHARD SMIT. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. General Updates:

The board was informed of Administrative Operations Manager Sarah Espino new position as Assistant Director by Director Fred Couceyro at the commencement of his report. In addition, he disclosed that they have advertised for a second Assistant Director and a Golf & Parks Superintendent, and they will be conducting interviews for these positions. He has indicated that he intends to develop an organizational chart with his team's information.

Continuing, Director Couceyro disclosed the most recent additions to the team. The Country Club Division Director and the Country Club Administrative Analyst.

He continues his briefing by reviewing the most recent and forthcoming programs, membership, and summer camps updates.

b. Upcoming Events:

Director Couceyro proceeded to update the board on the forthcoming events for the month of April, The James and Salley Jude Park renaming – Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday - April 19 at 10 a.m., Coral Gables Family Literacy Festival - Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m. and Memorial Day Ceremony - Monday, May 26 at 9 a.m.

c. CIP Updates:

Director Couceyro continued by providing an update on the Blue Road, Toledo and Alava initiatives. He then proceeded to elaborate on the concession for the Venetian Pool, Nellie B. Moore Park, and William & Leona Cooper Park. He also continued to finalize Phillips Park updates and continued forthcoming initiatives for Rotary Park and Golf Course shelter.

Director Couceyro proceeded to provide information regarding the forthcoming project to renovate the flooring of the indoor basketball courts, fitness center, dance room and check in area at the youth center.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Next meeting date is Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 8:15 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE