

**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Minutes of January 6, 2009 meeting  
 Coral Gables Youth Center

| MEMBERS              | S | O | N | D | D | J | J | F | F | J | J | APPOINTED BY               |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| Michael Levenstein   |   |   |   |   |   | P |   |   |   |   |   | Mayor Slesnick             |
| Ramon Diaz           | P | N | P | P | P | P |   |   |   |   |   | Vice-Mayor Kerdyk          |
| Leigh Cooper-Peabody | P | N | P | P | P | P |   |   |   |   |   | Commissioner Anderson      |
| Alexandra Morales    |   |   | P | P | E | P |   |   |   |   |   | Commissioner Cabrera       |
| Kyle Parker          | P | N | P | P | E | P |   |   |   |   |   | Commissioner Withers       |
| Bria Dewberry        | V | V | V | V | P | P |   |   |   |   |   | City Manager Maria Jimenez |
| Carolina Valdes-Lora | P | N | E | P | P | P |   |   |   |   |   | Recreation Advisory Board  |

A = Absent  
 C = Cancelled  
 E = Excused absence  
 P = Present  
 N = No quorum  
 R = Recessed  
 S = Sick

**STAFF:**

Luanne Santangelo  
 Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Roxana Gonzalez  
 Youth Center Supervisor

**GUESTS:**

Jonathan Nasser, Recreation Specialist

Carlos Pichardo, Recreation Specialist

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – Leigh Cooper-Peabody called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Approval of Board minutes from November 18, 2008 meeting** – A motion was made by L. Coopers, seconded by M. Levenstein to approve the minutes of December 16, 2008. Minutes approved unanimously by the Board.
3. **Introduction of Board Members** – Now that a full Board has been appointed, introductions were made. Each Board member introduced themselves and provided a goal they have for the Board. The Board concurred in one goal and that is to address safety of the youth in the community. This goal will be discussed in the upcoming meetings.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. The Board discussed the upcoming Bingo Night and Teen Night. The focus of the discussion was on the Teen Night and activities to take place.

Teen Night will be conducted in the gymnasium. The event will focus on activities for youth ages 12-15 years. Activities will include a Rock Band and Dance, Dance Revolution competition. There will also be a bistro setting for socializing and the Parkour Group will be contacted for a performance.

Sponsorship/donation letters will be mailed. The lists of businesses and the letter will be given to the Board at the next meeting so they can begin contacting those businesses for donations. (NOTE: Letters mailed on Friday, January 16)

The Board divided the duties as follows: Advertising-Michael & Bria; Sponsorships/Prizes – Carolina & Alex; Food/Refreshments – Leigh, Kyle & Ray.

5. **New Business** – Ms. Santangelo distributed a packet of information from Kaboom! Playful City USA. The Board was asked to read the information and be prepared to discuss their participation at the next Board meeting.
6. **Date and time of next meeting** –The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Coral Gables Youth Center.
7. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.