

# City of Coral Gables

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## Agenda

Friday, November 17, 2023

8:30 AM

2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables FL

Police and Fire Headquarters, Community Meeting Room

### School Community Relations Committee

*Board Member Erin Anding*  
*Board Member Winnie Chang*  
*Board Member Sandy Dimitris*  
*Board Member Joshua Goodman*  
*Board Member Ana Lam*  
*Board Member Andrew Nadal*  
*Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick*  
*Board Member Jennifer Ward Sando*  
*Board Member Sharon Watson*

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding its Regular Meeting on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, commencing at 8:30 a.m. While the Committee is back to live in-person meetings, members of the public may participate in person but are also able to participate via the Zoom platform. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893614478>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: 305-461-6769 Meeting ID: 838 9361 4478.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone, you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing \*9.

## CALL TO ORDER

## ROLL/QUORUM CALL

### A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A-1 The School Community Relations Committee Minutes of Sept. 15, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[SCRC Sept. 15 - Draft Minutes](#)

A-2 The School Community Relations Committee Workshop Summary Minutes of Oct. 13, 2023.

Attachments: [Cover Memo](#)  
[Draft SCRC Workshop Minutes - Oct. 13](#)

### B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*The School Community Relations Committee provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration between schools and their neighbors, including the City of Coral Gables. The committee looks for opportunities to improve schools in terms of physical appearance, community involvement, and quality of education. The Committee will also provide oversight of the City's educational landscape; making sure the City is fulfilling its recent education commitments and assuring that the needs of students and families are being adequately served by the public-school system. Finally, the Committee is intended to serve as a review committee for the Education Compact between the City and Miami Dade Public Schools.*

*Public Comments shall be limited to two minutes per speaker. A ten second reminder will be provided to the speaker prior to the closing of their time.*

### C. NEW BUSINESS

C-1 **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Chair)**

C-2 **Discussion on the People with Disabilities Planning Group (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

C-3 **Approval of 2024 SCRC Meeting Dates**

Attachments: [Draft 2024 Committee Meeting Dates](#)

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**D-1 Discussion on the Coral Gables History Tour (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

*<https://coralgablesmuseum.org/school-tours/>*

**Attachments:** [Reso No. 2019-76 - History Tours](#)

**E. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**E-1 Review and discussion on proposed Resolution regarding an education strategic plan survey (Facilitated by Winnie Chang, Chairperson)**

**Attachments:** [DRAFT SCRC Resolution Re-education strategic plan survey \(Drafted by Board](#)

[DRAFT SCRC Resolution Re-Education Strategic Plan Survey \(Staff Liaison Su](#)

**E-2 General Updates (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez, Acting Staff Liaison)**

**F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**F-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, Dec. 15, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.**

**Questions/Comments:** [scrc@coralgables.com](mailto:scrc@coralgables.com)

**F-2 Join a local PTA or subscribe to their newsletters using the following links:**

*Sunset Elementary*  
*<https://www.sunsetpta.org/membership>*

*Coral Gables Preparatory Academy*  
*<https://coralgablespreppta.membershiptoolkit.com/whyjoin>*

*GW Carver Elementary*  
*<https://gwcarverelem.memberhub.com/store?category=PTA%20Memberships-%20JOIN%20TODAY>*

*GW Carver Middle School*  
*<https://carvermiddle.memberhub.com/store>*

*Ponce de Leon Middle School*  
*<https://ponceptsamemberhub.memberhub.com/store>*

*Coral Gables High School*  
*<http://gablespta.org/join/>*

*International Studies Preparatory Academy High School*  
*<https://ispa-pta.com/join-pta/>*

*West Lab -*  
*<https://www.westlabpto.org/pen>*

**F-3 Parks Pollinator Patch Planting - Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 | 9:30 to 11 a.m.**

*Help us Keep Coral Gables Beautiful by participating in a family-friendly planting event that focuses on providing pollinator gardens and patches throughout our city's parks and open spaces. This month's FREE planting activity will take place at the southern end of the Youth Center's parking lot starting at 9:30 a.m.*

*Participants will have the opportunity to restore a planting bed with native and pollinator plant species. Event includes children's crafts and readings, planting activity, and an introduction to the iNaturalist app to track and record local pollinator species in our community and backyards.*

*The event is free but please register through [PlayGables.com](https://PlayGables.com). Additional information or questions, please email [specialevents@coralgables.com](mailto:specialevents@coralgables.com).*

**F-4 Fiesta @ The Park - Saturday, Nov. 17, 2023 | 12 to 9 p.m.**

*Join the Gables Hispanic Cultural Foundation on Saturday, Nov. 18 from noon to 9 p.m. at 2810 Ponce de Leon Blvd. There will be music, food and drinks, an artwalk and a children's pavilion for all to enjoy, as well as pet care.*

*Admission is free.*

*For more information, please contact 305-667-0577 or [HispanicCulturalFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:HispanicCulturalFoundation@gmail.com).*

**F-5 Gables Bike Tours - Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

*Hop on for fun, educational bike tours through The City Beautiful. They take place every third Sunday of the month. Each tour offers a different theme and route! Tours start at the Coral Gables Museum and include museum admission. Bike tours are presented by Bike Walk Coral Gables in partnership with the Coral Gables Museum. You will need to bring your own bike. Helmets are required for children under 16.*

*Bike tour tickets and more information.*

*The tours last approximately 2 hrs | Tickets are \$10; \$5 for Museum members and children under 12*

**F-6 Clubhouse Hours at the DEI Clubhouse - Mondays 3 to 7 p.m.**

*Join us to unwind and enjoy unprogrammed social time at the Clubhouse for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism. The Clubhouse is staffed and open for all members to socialize in a safe space. Wi-Fi is available.*

*This is a free activity, no registration required.*

*Questions? Email Catie and Vivian at [PlayForAll@coralgables.com](mailto:PlayForAll@coralgables.com) or call 305-460-5650.*

**F-7 Giralda Live - Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 | 7 to 11 p.m.**

*Every first Friday of the month there is live music and activities headed to Giralda Plaza from 7 to 11 p.m. The series, Giralda Live will transform this pedestrian street into the place to be on Friday nights. Dive deep into the rich tapestry of our local culture as you relish curated delicacies from premier local eateries, explore local artist, vendors, and*

*enjoy lively music throughout the night. Giralda Live is more than just an event. It's the vibrant pulse where our community comes alive! This event is a collaboration between Diageo and the City of Coral Gables.*

**F-8 Gables Gallery Night - Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 | 6 to 10 p.m.**

*Coral Gables galleries and participating art venues open their doors on the first Friday of the month from 6 to 10 p.m. as part of Coral Gables Gallery Night. At this monthly event, attendees can enjoy live music and fine art while enjoying a night out in the City Beautiful. Visitors are encouraged to use the City's trolleys or Freebee on-demand vehicles to travel between galleries.*

**F-9 Downtown Community Cleanup (Holiday Edition) - Monday, Dec. 4, 2023 | 5 to 7 p.m.**

*Join us on Monday, Dec. 4 starting at 5 p.m. at the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce for the Holiday Downtown Community Cleanup event. Show your holiday cheer by wearing your favorite holiday attire and win great prizes by collecting the most litter! Stay after the event to enjoy light bites and refreshments at a local Coral Gables restaurant, courtesy of Baptist Health South Florida.*

*Volunteer hours are available upon request. To register visit [www.coralgables.com/kcgb](http://www.coralgables.com/kcgb).*

**F-10 School Board Chair Rojas' Office Hours - Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 | 12:30 to 3 p.m.**

*Join School Board Chair Mari Tere Rojas on the first and third Thursday of every month for satellite office hours, located in the first floor conference room at Coral Gables City Hall.*

*For More Info:*

*Website: [Dade Schools District 6](http://Dade Schools District 6)  
Email: [district6@dadeschools.net](mailto:district6@dadeschools.net)  
Phone: 305-995-1334*

**F-11 Carolers in Downtown Coral Gables - Thursday, Friday, & Saturday | 7 to 9 p.m.**

*During this holiday season, enjoy carolers' angelic voices as you walk, shop and dine in Downtown Coral Gables. Carolers, dressed in holiday "caroling" attire from local high school choirs, will stroll through the streets of Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays through Saturdays. This event is sponsored by the Coral Gables Economic Development Department.*

*Dates:*

*Thursday, December 7 — Lourdes  
Friday, December 8 — St. Brendan's  
Saturday, December 9 — Academy Innovative Education  
Thursday, December 14 — Miami Arts Charter  
Friday, December 15 — Miami Senior High School and Robert Morgan  
Saturday, December 16 — Hialeah Gardens Senior High and Florida Christian Senior*

**F-12 Holiday Sip & Shop - Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 | 5 to 8 p.m.**

*Come join us for a festive and fun Sip & Shop event on Miracle Mile. Enjoy delicious wines from wineries across Uruguay while shopping for unique holiday gifts. Don't miss out on this opportunity to find the perfect presents for your loved ones. Mark your calendars for this merry shopping experience!*

*Check in at McBride Plaza, 150 Miracle Mile, to receive an event map, complimentary wine-tasting tumbler and reusable tote bag with special promotional offers. Guests will enjoy special sale pricing, gifts and other in-store promotions while participating in wine tastings. Attendees will also be able to vote on the best holiday window display in Coral Gables! As you visit each retailer, scan the QR code and vote for the Community Choice Award.*

*A full list of Holiday Sip & Shop stops will be announced soon.*

*Get your tickets today!*

*Wines donated by the Consulate of Uruguay. All proceeds from the event will go to local not-for-profits, including the Eagles Nest Fund.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **NOTE**

*Any person who acts as a lobbyist pursuant to the City of Coral Gables Ordinance No. 2006-11, must register with the City Clerk, prior to engaging in lobbying activities before city staff, boards, committees and/or the City Commission. A copy of the Ordinance is available in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.*

*Any person, or persons, wishing to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, will require a verbatim record of the proceeding upon which the appeal is based. Interested persons should, therefore, take the necessary steps to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which contains the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.*

*Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who become boisterous while addressing the Commission, shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Chair, unless permission to continue or again address the Commission is granted by the majority vote of the Commission Members present. Clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts or any remarks in support or opposition to a speaker shall be prohibited. Signs or placards shall not be permitted in Commission Chambers.*

*Any person with a disability requiring communication assistance (such as a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aide or service) in order to attend or participate in the meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator Raquel Elejabarrieta, Esq., Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management (E-mail : [relejabarrieta@coralgables.com](mailto:relejabarrieta@coralgables.com), Telephone: 305-722-8686, TTY/TDD: 305-442-1600), at least three (3) business days before the meeting.*