

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015, 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Sally Baumgartner	P	*	*	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	P	*	*	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	Patricia Keon
William Beckham	P	*	*	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	*	P	Vince Lago
Bonnie Blaire	P	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	*	*	*	*		
Richard Whittington	E	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	*	*	*	*	E	Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst																	P	Jeannette Slesnick

**P – Present**  
**E – Excused Absence**  
**A – Absent**  
**(-) – No Appointment**  
**(\*) – No Meeting**

**STAFF:**

Lorena Garrido, Central Division Supervisor – Public Works Department

**GUEST:** None.

**CITIZEN ADVISORS:**

1. Bonnie Blaire

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**MEETING ABSENCE:** None.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

- **April 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Whitehurst moved to approve the April 1, 2015 meeting minutes. Mrs. Sowers second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None.

**BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Baumgartner asked for the status of Center for Independent Living's (C.I.L.) Memo of Understanding (MOU), for office space use at the Youth Center. Ms. Garrido advised that execution of the MOU is underway.

**CITY UPDATE:**

Ms. Garrido provided an overview of the Miracle Mile Streetscape Project: Miracle Mile will include a beautiful pedestrian environment nearly 50% wider than it is today. It will include extensive landscaping and trees, sidewalk cafes, public art, beautiful lighting, and comfortable and inviting street furnishings. Additionally, Giralda Avenue will be a spectacular shared pedestrian environment that includes creative and artful paving, lighting, and landscaping.

Mrs. Blaire mentioned that the Board should consider recommending braille signage as part of this project.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Mr. Beckham reported on the Chamber of Commerce breakfast and said it went very well. The topic of discussion was "Disability: The Market You're Missing."

**PROGRAM:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Blaire provided some background for the new Board member regarding the City's partnership with the Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.). She stated this partnership allows the C.I.L. to use City office space to staff and supervise the Consumer Information Center which will provide resource information to persons with disabilities. She added that volunteers: Katie Kreter, Patricia Sowers, Zenaida Fernandez and herself were trained by The Switchboard of Miami on how to use their resource information.

Mrs. Baumgartner added that there was conversation on having disabled students assist with this Center.

Mrs. Blaire continued to explain the concept of a Citizen Advisors. She said the Board has many Citizen Advisors who assist the Board with their expertise and they are always invited to attend Board meetings.

Ms. Garrido reported that for fiscal year 2014-2015, the City collected \$22,585 from the County's Parking Fines Reimbursement Program. She stated that she would request additional

information from the City's Finance Department on the proper way to request funds for programs.

Mrs. Blaire mentioned that it would be a good idea to create a written plan specifying the needed budget for the program being created.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.*