

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 15, 2019

8:30 AM

War Memorial Youth Center, Room 222

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Ariel Fernandez

Vice Chairperson Sam Joseph

Board Member Erin Anding

Board Member Sandy Dimitris

Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya

Board Member Mary Snow

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m.

19-9472 Attendance Sheet

Attachments: [SCRC Sign-In Sheet 11.15.19](#)

ROLL/QUORUM CALL

Mary moved to excuse Sandy, Sam seconded.

Carmen was absent from vote.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Fernandez, Vice Chairperson Joseph, Board Member Anding, Board Member Manrara Cartaya and Board Member Snow

Excused: 1 - Board Member Dimitris

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approved

[19-9362](#) School Community Relations Committee Meeting of October 18, 2019.

Attachments: [Cover Memo for November 12 Commission Agenda](#)
[October 18th SCRC Meeting Minutes](#)

October Meeting Minutes were Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

SCRC Member Issues:

City of Coral Gables Budget Review - School Related Funding Report (Facilitated by Solanch Lopez & Carmen Manrara-Cartaya)

-The City does not set aside monies for school related items other than for safety/security issues and the Coral Gables History Tours.

-An additional part-time school crossing guard was approved during the City's FY20 budget adoption.

-City receives \$70,373 from the school board per officer in City of Coral Gables Public schools with the exemption of Coral Gables Senior High where an officer is positioned as part of their regular duties and paid as part of regular salary.

-Requirement to have an officer from bell to bell for 180 days while kids are in school.

-In addition, for paying for the officers, the county and municipality is doing it on over time.

-MDCPS is trying to receive clearance for retired officers to serve as school resource officers.

-Carmen requests for Coral Gables to make an actual budget line item for education related items.

-Committee will come up with a proposal for Commission review during the next budget planning season.

-Daryl Payne asks question regarding funds for track-lighting.

19-9467 School Safety & Security Presentation by Hedge Tactical App

Attachments: [HTS PowerPoint Presentation](#)

ONGOING BUSINESS

19-9480 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Report 2019

Attachments: [City of Coral Gables Enrollment Capacity and Gables Residency- Revised Coral Gables Demographics Information on Public Schools October of 2019](#)
[MDCPS Report Questions 2019](#)

PTSA Updates (Facilitated by Ariel Fernandez, Chair)

-Carver Elementary is having issues with parking on Grand Avenue and construction workers. Solanch will reach out to code enforcement to see how the problem can be addressed.

-Carver PTA member Mr. Eric mentions that this has been going on for a while and that there has been correspondence with code from the PTA side. He also mentions that police officer Chavez who is assigned to the school is amazing and does a wonderful job.

19-9471 SCRC General Updates by Acting Liaison Solanch Lopez

Attachments: [SCRC General Updates](#)

OLD BUSINESS

School Improvement Projects (SIP) & 2019-21 Priorities Updates

Item was deferred.

Sunset Elementary Traffic Study (Facilitated by Carmen Manrara-Cartaya)

Item was discussed during General Updates.

PUBLIC HEARING

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

NOTE