

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021

7:00 PM

The board meets the first Wednesday of the very month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL
Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present:

Alec Schneider
Kirk Menendez, Jr.- Chair
Gabriella Toyos
Mihir Pabby
Natalie Gonzalez

Absent:

Jorge G. Hernandez
Samantha Simpson

A MOTION TO EXCUSE JORGE HERNANDEZ'S ABSENCE WAS MADE BY ALEC SCHNEIDER AND SECOND BY GABRIELLA TOYOS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION TO APPROVE GABRIELLA TOYOS'S ABSENCE WAS MADE BY NATALIE GONZALEZ AND SECOND BY MAHIR PABBY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Approval of October Minutes

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY ALEC SCHNEIDER AND SECOND KIRK MENENDEZ JR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Youth Center Assistant Supervisor Yanessa Rodriguez sat in for Supervisor Carlos Pichardo. She began by going over upcoming events that included the annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 3rd, the Jr. Orange Bowl parade on December 12th, and the Movies Under the Gables Moonlight event series featuring Brave.

Yanessa Rodriguez also shared the highlights of the Welcome Back to Sports Night that was hosted on the Youth Center field.

Yanessa reminded the Board that all our events are open to volunteers and asked that the Board share with their peers.

Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino continued with the report by going over other upcoming events that are taking place and a review of Park's E-newsletter. Events that were shared was the ribbon cutting at the James Barker Park formally known as Venetia Park, the new North Gables Harvest Market which will continue into December, and the Keep Coral Gables Beautiful series showcasing South Florida Birds.

Staff also went over upcoming Youth Center activities that included My Squad, Smart Start, and Parents Night Out.

A review of all facility hours were brought up due to the upcoming holiday season, The Youth Center will be closed on Thanksgiving and 7am-4pm on Friday, Venetian Pool will be closed the Month of December and January, Tennis will be closed on Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

a. Election of Vice-Chair

The Board had a discussion on vice-chair candidates Alec Schneider and Natalie Gonzalez but ultimately Alec retracted his nomination.

Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino will share her selection with the City Clerk's office.

A MOTION TO SELECT NATALIE GONZALEZ AS THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD'S VICE CHAIR WAS MADE BY KIRK MENENDEZ AND SECOND BY GABRIELLA TOYOS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Newly appointed Vice-Chair Natalie Gonzalez brought to the attention of the Board that all the present Board members are currently seniors in high school. She wanted to know the procedure to follow when the Board graduates and are no longer eligible to stay on the board. Sarah Espino will notify the City Clerk's office to inform the Commissioners and City Manager that they will have to appoint new members prior to May 2022. Once the Board is reestablished, the Board will have to appoint a new Board Member at Large.

Sarah also explained that if the board has any recommendations of anyone who would be interested in joining the Board, to please share their contact information with her and she will pass it along to the Clerk's office.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

a. Next Meeting Date and Time

Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino wanted to survey the Board in order to establish the next December Board meeting. After a brief discussion, the next board meeting is set for Thursday December 2nd at 7:00pm.

b. Board Member Perks and Rectrac Reservations

Administrative Assistant Sarah Espino reviewed the perks that Board members receive and asked that each board member bring in their Board member card so it can be uploaded into our Rectrac software to verify any discounts board members receive.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

NOTE