

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item 2-1
November 15, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Frank Quesada

Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark

City Attorney, Craig E. Leen

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item 2-1 [2:33:04 p.m.]

The School and Community Relations Committee Meeting of October 21, 2016
requesting action from the Commission.

Mayor Cason: Let's quickly do 2-1, this was a request by the School Advisory Committee, they had four names of people they put forward to fill a vacancy – Teresa Rice, let's see who else? - Mary Palacio-Pike, Milica Kothari and Chris Matheson-Charlton. I know Teresa Rice, who is the head of the PTA at the Coral Gables High School.

Commissioner Keon: I had given them Teresa Rice's resume, because I had met her and she wanted to be involved, and would like to be involved in the City. Yes, she is the President of the PTA at the High School, she has a child in 9th grade in the High School, and she has a child in elementary school at West Lab, so I thought we don't have anybody on the committee from the high school or from West Lab. When we look at what the mission of the School Community Relations Committee is, it is to work cooperatively with our schools and to identify issues. So I

thought it would be particularly important to have parents that have children in those schools that could work on helping to identify issues within the schools, that then the School Community Relations Committee could address. So, I would like to see her appointed, but that's a matter of everybody else.

Mayor Cason: I think all four have terrific resumes, her's I think is particularly incredible and I met her when I went over to participate in the college fair a couple weeks ago, and she was very interested, so I would go with her if there is a consensus.

Commissioner Lago: I think she seems very qualified. I move the item.

Commissioner Slesnick: I turned in Chris Charlton and I think she's excellent, and she's been in private schools for twelve years, and I agree with Commissioner Keon about public schools, especially with West Lab.

Mayor Cason: OK. So we have a motion for...

Commissioner Keon: I'd like to move it to appoint Teresa Rice.

Mayor Cason: OK. So Commissioner made the motion and Commissioner Slesnick seconded it – City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 2:35:35 p.m.]