

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

7:00 PM

Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL  
33134

**Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**7:01 PM**

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Present:**

**Samantha Simpson**

**Alec Schneider**

**Kirk Menendez, Jr.**

**Erika Austin**

**Mihir Pabby**

**Lydia Menendez**

### **Absent:**

**Amanda Hernandez**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion to approve the meeting minutes for September was made by Lydia Mendendez and second by Kirk Menendez Jr. Passed Unanimously.**

## **I. YOUTH CENTER SUPERVISOR REPORT**

**Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo started the meeting off with thanking Samantha Simpson for helping with the Adventure Day for All event and for helping to bring out volunteers. He also let the board know of the successful Haunted House the Youth Center had on Halloween selling over 500 tickets.**

**Carlos then continued with notifying the board of the Parks upcoming event calendar to give them ideas of other events to help sponsor and seek volunteers for. Events included Daddy Daughter Dance in February, the Easter Egg Hunt, Super Smash Brothers Tournament January 13th, and the upcoming Holiday Tree Lighting on December 6th.**

**Lydia Menendez asked if the Board can have a sponsored tent during the Holiday Tree Lighting event. Carlos gave the Board the option of manning their own tent that could offer arts & crafts, face painting, or carnival game and to give out candies or have the option to help with Youth Center staff to help run carnival booth tents thats already are planned. The Board agreed to make a decision prior to the next scheduled meeting and iron out the details prior to the event.**

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to reappoint Board-Member-at -Large Amanda Hernandez was made by Lydia Menendez, motioned was second by Kirk Menendez Jr., Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjust all future meeting dates to the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM was made by Lydia Menendez, motioned was second by Kirk Menendez Jr., Motion passed unanimously.

The December Youth Advisory Board will meet Monday December 2nd 2019 prior to the Holiday Tree lighting event to coordinate shift times and event details.

Kirk Menendez Jr. brought up the possibility of volunteering for the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade and helping design this year's float. Mitch and Carlos agreed this is a great event to participate in and we will discuss design plans next meeting.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS**

Board members need to have selected a City event to sponsor. Mitch expressed to the Board instead of them coming up with a brand new event, its important that the Youth Board members help with current events so they can provide feedback on how to improve each event from the point of view of our members.

As discussed, the members each selected a city event to host. The list is as follows:

Samantha Simpson - Tree Lighting, Farmers Market, JOB Parade  
Alec Schneider - Tree Lighting, Smash Brothers  
Kirk Menendez, Jr. - Tree Lighting, JOB Parade  
Erika Austin - Big Toy  
Mihir Pabby - Tree Lighting, Farmers Market, Smash Brothers  
Lydia Menendez - Tree Lighting, Farmers Market

## **ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

The next meeting will be Monday, December 2nd 2019 at 6:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:28 PM**

**NOTE**