

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM  
 WEDNESDAY, August 1, 2018, 2018 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

<b>MEMBERS</b>	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	<b>APPOINTED BY:</b>
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Blake Sando	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					Vince Lago
Shedrick Boren	*	A	P	E	P	E	P	P					Mayor Raul Fauli-Valdes
Patricia Sowers	*	P	E	P	P	P	E	P					Patricia Keon
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E					Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E					Michael Mena

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

**STAFF:**

1. Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management / ADA Coordinator
2. Eglys Hernandez, Labor Relations and Risk Management

**GUEST:**

Carolina Vester, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation

**CITIZEN ADVISORS:**

1. Bonnie Blaire

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order 08:08am

**MEETING ABSENCE:**

Ms. Marie-Ilene Whitehurst and Dr. Richard Whittington were excused absence

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

July 11, 2018

Motion by: Patricia Sowers / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shedrick Boren / All approved unanimously

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

None

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Update reference Adventure Day for Everyone – Embracing People of all Abilities – Ms. Carolina Vester*

It has been determined that Adventure Day for Everyone will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Ms. Vester advised Board progress regarding this upcoming event in October. Ms. Vester stated City is currently trying to determine best location for event. Locations being considered at this time are Ponce De Leon Circle Park or in front of City Hall. Board members expressed their concerns regarding both areas and ultimately suggested they preferred City Hall location, whereas a set up similar to the one utilized during the Farmers' Market would be good.

Ms. Vester stated that staff is currently in the development stages of creating a logo specifically for this event in order to assure it is branded properly if this event becomes an annual event. Ms. Vester stated staff is also developing another identifiable logo design which can be utilized when marketing and promoting City accessible programs.

Staff will be reaching out to various vendors regarding their participation at this event. Vendors will be advised they will not be charged any fees at this time. Mr. Boren reminded Board reference reaching out to musical entities such as the Goodwill Industry Band, Lighthouse for The Blind, and Guitars over Guns, regarding their possible participation. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised Board that City staff would be contacting those organizations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***FRDAP (Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program) Grant presentation - Ms. Carolina Vester***

Ms. Vester presented a power point, which illustrated the FRDAP Grant they are applying for regarding the retro fit or development of an accessible playground at Salvadore Park. Ms. Vester explained requirements and funds regarding this grant. Ms. Vester advised this is a match dollar to dollar grant and the grant itself is for \$250,000.00, which will be matched by City. Ms. Vester stated that the State already has these monies funded for this grant.

Ms. Vester demonstrated current status of Salvadore Park and the area which would be utilized for proposed playground. Ms. Vester presented pictures of possible accessible playground equipment and presented samples of possible turf and advised restroom will also be retro fitted to become accessible.

Ms. Vester stated that the goal of this playground is to have a place where all children, those with disability as well as those without, can play together. Ms. Vester stated staff will be reaching out to other entities such as Crystal Palace, UM Card, Advisory Board on Disability Affairs, etc. in order to receive their input and determine which way it would be best to proceed.

Ms. Vester presented neighborhood meeting notification in form of door knob signs which have been placed at homes approximately 1000ft from Salvadore Park advising of upcoming public meeting regarding this matter.

Mr. Sando stated that it would be best for the Board to make a motion reflecting the Board's support for the pursuit of this grant as well as its development.

Motion by: Patricia Sowers / 2nd: Shedrick Boren / All approved unanimously

**NEXT MEETING:**

September 5, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 08:57am

Motion by: Patricia Sowers / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shedrick Boren / All approved unanimously