

CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

Minutes of May 7, 2008

Youth Center, Second Floor Conference Room

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	APPOINTED BY
Linda Scarcell							*	P	P	P	P	E	Donald D. Slesnick II
Zenaida Fernandez	*	*	*	P	P	P	*	E	E	P	P	E	Maria Anderson
Kelly Sastre	*	*	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	"Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Bonnie Blaire	*	*	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	E	P	P	William Kerdyk, Jr.
Deborah Swain	*	*	*	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	P	Wayne "Chip" Withers

(*) There were no meetings.

STAFF:

Alberto Delgado, Secretary
Beatrix Falstreau, CPS

A - Absent

P - Present

E - Excused

GUESTS:

None.

Ms. Swain, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Board members attendance.

Mr. Delgado stated that two members need to be excused. Ms. Fernandez had a doctor appointment and probably won't be able to make it in time, and Ms. Scarcell who is getting married. Ms. Sastre made motion to excuse both Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Scarcell, second by Ms. Blaire. All members voted in favor.

ADA Projects – written report

Mr. Delgado distributed written report for the ADA settlement Agreement projects. The first page shows completed projects, the second shows the projects in the construction and design stage and all the others show the planning stage for the future. A letter has been sent to the Department of Justice explaining the progress with all the information they requested, also providing them with the schedule agreed to for the different projects - for parking and parking garages. The last spread sheet shows a complete update of all the projects which have been completed. Further discussion on three year projects, complete overview of what has been done in parks and park facilities which are 95% complete, bidding out City Hall bathroom adding unisex bathroom for disabled, enlarging conference room on 1st floor, other entrance (courtyard) to City Hall as well as all the ADA improvements to City Hall with the same contractor.

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Board Related Commission Items

None.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Blaire moved to accept the minutes as written, second by Ms. Sastre, unanimously approved.

Liaison Reports

Web Portal Project

Ms Sastre discussed anticipated changes to web site which was previously shown to Board members but apparently the changes were not implemented and the entire web page has been changed, sent to Maria Rosa and it is now live. She reminded them that this was not approved by this Board which was a requirement prior to sending same out. The web page is fine but is nothing special. Ms. Sastre outlined the contents and some of the information is not correct. She will discuss this with the IT Department but it was Ms. Sastre's understanding from the City Attorney that this had to go through certain channels which apparently it did not. Discussion on future updates.

Merrick Educational Center DCAT Team

Ms. Blaire advised there is nothing new, the system was put into place and is doing exactly what it is supposed to do. The next meeting is May 21.

Newspaper Articles

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Ms. Blaire discussed and made motion to have the Board meet quarterly rather than monthly and as necessary, hold on-demand meetings. Second by Ms. Sastre. All members voted in favor. The quarterly meetings would start in September. Further discussion as to proposed time, 8:30 a.m. Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Scarcell to be contacted regarding time.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2008.