

CITY OF CORAL GABLES/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Coral Gables Police Department Community Meeting Room
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS:	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	APPOINTED BY:
Belinda Sime	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Alberto Menendez	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Elizabeth Gallagher	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Comm. Pat Keon
Philip Kates	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Frank Rosell	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Vacant	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+		City Manager
Dr. Patricia A. Whitely	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	Vice President, Student Affairs, UM
Sarah Artecona	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Asst. Vice Pres., Gov. & Comm. Relations, U
David Rivero	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Director of Public Safety, UM
Brad Bradshaw	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Inter-fraternity Council President, UM
Alessandria San Roman	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	Student Government President, UM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Antonio Silio, Plans Processor, Development Services Department
Charles Wu, Assistant Development Services Director

A = Absent
E = Excused
P = Present
+ = No Meeting
* = New Member
- = Resigned Member

GUESTS: University of Miami: Alicia Corral, Campus Planner; Gilbert Arias, Assistant Vice president, University of Miami Student Affairs.

Recording and Preparation of Meeting Minutes: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rivero at 5:05 p.m. Board members introduced themselves for the record. (Ms. Sime arrived at 5:20 p.m.)

II. MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Bradshaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menendez and unanimously passed, to approve the meeting absence of Dr. Whitely.

III. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2013:

Mr. Menendez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bradshaw and unanimously passed, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIR: Ms. Artecona made a motion to nominate Mr. Rivero as Committee Chair for the next year. Mr. Rosell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

VICE CHAIR: Ms. Artecona made a motion to nominate Mr. Menendez as Committee Vice Chair for the next year. Ms. Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. UPDATE / U.M. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVES: Alicia Corral

- Development Agreement (DA): The DA Annual Report was submitted to the City in August, and the DA annual meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2014, to be hosted this year by the City.
- Mobility Plan: A report was submitted to the City on June 1, 2014, has been reviewed by the City and the University has responded to the City. Traffic has been reduced by 30% in the last three years, with a 36% decline during the morning and evening peak periods in the San Amaro/Campo Sano corridors.
- Internal Road Phase II: The University wants to conform Phase II of the internal road to reflect current conditions and also to preserve the Gifford Arboretum; seeking City permission to do so. As part of the process, the City asked the University for a justification report to evaluate the proposed modification as it relates to preservation of the Arboretum as well as a previously-contemplated section that traversed the University canal near the School of Business. The best available current data demonstrates a sizable reduction in traffic in the San Amaro/Campo Sano corridor. As proposed, Phase II of the internal road will still connect parking lots on the north side of the campus.

The justification report was submitted to the City in support of this request, and shows that the connection through the parking lots, in addition to some street improvements, will continue to support the traffic reduction in residential areas and will help preserve the Arboretum as a valuable University and community resource.

- Under Construction:

Music School Addition: The current buildings at the Frost School of Music (Bertha Foster, Broby Green Rehearsal Hall, Volpe and Pick Library) were determined to be historically significant by the Historic Preservation Board, which requires the University to preserve these buildings. Additions are underway to Bertha Foster, which will house administrative and academic facilities (82,767 SF). Expected completion: Spring 2015.

Dickinson Drive Relocation: The street is being moved approximately 190 feet to the east in preparation for the UHealth project. The new intersection will include a traffic light. Expected completion: Winter 2014.

- Upcoming Projects:

Lake Osceola Pedestrian Bridge: The bridge will provide a new and convenient pedestrian route from Merrick south of the Lake directly to the heart of the campus at the UC Patio and SAC area.

Hecht Pedestrian Bridge: The bridge will further enhance connectivity on campus with a new pedestrian bridge that extends the new walkway from the Hecht Athletics area.

UHealth: The University Health System is coming to the University campus with a 200,000 SF ambulatory medical center. Outpatient services will include Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, urgent care, outpatient surgery, men's and women's health, physical therapy, diagnostic imaging, radiation oncology and Student Health. Construction will start Winter 2014, with expected completion in 24 months. Parking for the facility will be at the Ponce Garage with easy, quick access from US 1 at Stanford. Pedestrian and vehicular connections to the garage area, valet, self-park, patient drop off and pick up areas are planned. The campus commuters will then park at the new garage.

Merrick Garage: A new parking garage will be located adjacent to the current Pavia Garage. The new 900-space structure will be used by all campus commuters. Parking will be closer to the campus core. The project includes the widening of Merrick Drive and may include a new signal at the intersection of Merrick Drive and Ponce de Leon Boulevard.

VI. UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI EVENTS: Sarah Artecona

Ms. Artecona reported the following major activities and events:

- UMindfulness Lecture Series: "10% Happier," ABC News Anchor Dan Harris; "Cell Transplantation to the Rescue," Meet the Docs: Dr. Mary Bartlett Bunge, Miami Project to Cure Paralysis.
- Upcoming Events:
October 7: Holocaust Theatre / Dr. Haim Shaked; Film: "Soap Myth" by Jeff Cohen at Bill Cosford Cinema.
Festival Miami (through November 8th); October 19th Children's Concert featuring Nick Deysher's "In the Nick of Time" at Gusman Concert Hall; October 25th Festival Miami featuring Dawn Upshaw and Maria Schneider at Gusman Hall.
- Homecoming: October 31st: Hurricane Hall of Famer Jim Kelly; Hurricane Howl featuring the parade, pep rally, boat burning and fireworks show with family fun for all ages; November 1st: Football – Coral Gables Day. UM versus University of North Carolina (buy one ticket, get one free).
- November 11th: Annual Veterans' Day Celebration at the Rock Plaza
- December 10th and 11th: Future of the Americas
- December 13th: The Edna Shalala 5K run

VII. UPDATE BY VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS: Gilbert Arias for Dr. Pat Whitely

- Mr. Arias described Homecoming activities and relayed the significance of some of its traditions.
- Family weekend is scheduled for this coming weekend, during which time a few thousand parents will visit the campus and their students. Activities include a pep rally hosted by President Shalala.
- Mr. Arias distributed the updated University brochure, prepared in conjunction with the City of Coral Gables Code Enforcement officials to educate students about living in Coral Gables and South Miami.

There followed a committee discussion about numerous vehicles parking on University Drive, which seem to be related to numerous parties held in two houses. Mr. Arias will inform Dr. Whitely and research the issue.

VIII. UPDATE / PRESIDENT OF THE INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL: Brad Bradshaw

- There are 31 active Greek chapters, down one from last year (Pi Kappa Alpha).
- Active Greek membership with the spring class is expected to reach 25% of the campus (2500 students).
- Facilities: Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity is building a new house on San Amaro Drive, which is expected to be completed in spring 2015. The chapter will not be allowed back on campus for another two years, so the building will be managed by the chapter's housing corps as an unaffiliated, off-campus residence.
- Academics: All Greek GPA scores exceed all UM undergraduate students' scores by 0.3 (3.390 vs. 3.092), according to the spring 2014 grade report.
- Greek Philanthropy: \$361,901.39 was raised for charities: Sigma Alpha Epsilon (\$36,000 for Miami Children's Hospital); Delta Delta Delta (\$50,000 for St. Jude's); Delta Phi Epsilon (\$50,000 for Cystic Fibrosis); Zeta Tau Alpha (\$60,000 for Breast Cancer). Total Greek service hours last year: 41,002.

IX. UPDATE / PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Alessandria San Roman

- San Amaro Drive safety continues to be a priority. The Student Government (The SG) is working with the City and University administration to discuss related issues. The SG also participated in the Pedestrian/Biker Safety event on September 18, 2014 with the University Police Department and other organizations. The event was deemed a success.
- Over 500 students participated in the National Gandhi Day of Service and Orientation Outreach.
- Canes After Dark continues to be a success among students, keeping them safe and engaged on campus.
- Homecoming will feature on and off campus service events this year. The Hurricane Howl is scheduled for October 31st. All Homecoming activities will occur between October 23rd and November 1st.
- The SG will participate in voter engagement events until mid-term elections.

X. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 2, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

XI. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR: Antonio Silio

Approval of 2013 Annual Report: Mr. Silio presented for approval the 2013 Annual Report for the Committee.

Mr. Menendez made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rosell and unanimously passed, to approve the 2013 Annual Report as presented.

Ms. Gallagher raised the issue for discussion of the number of ducks being killed by cars on University Drive.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio Silio

Secretary to the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee