

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

4:00 PM

<https://coralgables.zoom.us/j/82882960727>

Coral Gables Country Club

Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board

CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 – Vice Chair Sherry Celesia, Chair Albert Sanchez, Board member Isis Arenas, Board member Frank Andollo and Board member Peter Izaguirre

Excused: 2 - Board member Yamilet Rodriguez and Board member Don Slesnick III

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY SHERRY CELESIA AND SECOND BY ISIS ARENAS. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. General Country Club Division Updates –

The board received a brief introduction from Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Division Director, Lorena Sliva, regarding the past Members Mixers and their overall success.

Director Couceyro also provided an update on Zelle payments. He shared that he met with the Finance Department to discuss integrating Zelle as a payment option through the City's platforms, including RecTrac and Infor. He noted that the team is currently exploring solutions to move this forward.

• Athletic Club

Interim Athletic Club Manager, Daren Gilman provided an update on the sauna renovation that was scheduled on November 14. Additionally, he shared information about the possibility of bringing on a female instructor for Saturday classes. He reported that the QR codes are currently in development for the pool.

Interim Athletic Club Manager, Daren Gilman, shared that he is currently working on new merchandise for the Athletic Club. He invited the board to share any suggestions on the types of items they would like to see offered.

Chair Albert Sanchez raised concern regarding the proposed location for displaying the merchandise, noting that the area can be used for something else and it could also impact sales. Director Couceyro clarified that the designated area is intended for snacks, beverages, and potential merchandise, giving members additional options to purchase.

Public Comment:

Resident Mauricio asked the Athletic Club Manager for an update on the scheduled maintenance for the fitness equipment. The Interim Manager explained that the maintenance company is currently onsite working on the equipment.

Resident Mauricio suggested moving the Members Mixer to Fridays to give more members the opportunity to attend. Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Division Director, Lorena Sliva, responded that the suggestion will be taken into consideration; however, most of their major events are held on Fridays, and their peak season runs from October through May. She added that they could explore the option for the summer months, but for now, they aim to maintain consistency by keeping the mixers on Thursdays.

The board raised a question regarding how the club will handle members who have not renewed their memberships once the club reaches full capacity. Director Couceyro responded that staff can notify all members when the club approaches or reaches capacity.

Chair Albert Sanchez asked for an update regarding the issue with the wall. Interim Athletic Club Manager, Daren Gilman, responded that he has already submitted a work order for the repair.

• Venue

The board received a report from the Venue Manager, Valerie Pinon, regarding

the venue's operations last month.

- Le Parc Café

Division Director, Lorena Sliva shared that they continue to work their partnership with Le Parc café.

b. Event Updates

- Upcoming Events

Division Director Lorena Sliva continued with the forthcoming event for the month of December, Twinkle & Toast - Tuesday, December 9 at 5 p.m. and Pancakes and Pajamas - Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m.

c. General Community Recreation Updates:

Director Couceyro shared the forthcoming event for the month of December, Christmas Tree Lighting Event - Friday, December 5 at 5 p.m., A Saturday at the Cinema, December, "The Time Machine" - Saturday, December 6 at 11 a.m., Planting Pollinators Dedication and Reception - Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m., Hot Chocolate with Santa - Sunday, December 7 & Saturday, December 20 at 9 a.m., Centennial Grand Finale at the Venetian Pool - Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m., AAC Annual Holiday Celebration 2025 - Friday, December 12 at 1 p.m., Festival of Lights Chanukah - Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 p.m., JOB Parade - Sunday, December 14 at 5 p.m., Menorah Lighting at City Hall - Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. and Movies Under the Gables Moonlight - Friday, December 19 at 6 p.m.

Director Couceyro continued by providing an update on the department's upcoming projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Sherry Celesia brought to staff's attention the parking challenges at the club during events. She requested that email notifications be sent to all members whenever an event is scheduled at the club.

Vice Chair Sherry Celesia and board member Isis Arenas asked staff to consider labeling the weights so members can easily return them to their designated areas.

Board member Frank Andollo asked staff to consider planting additional trees in the parking lot to provide more shade, noting that the area becomes extremely hot during the summer months. He also suggested trimming the trees in the corner to improve visibility for guests. In addition, he requested the removal of the flowers near the pool due to an increased number of dead bees ending up in the water. Director Couceyro responded that staff will look into these concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

- Athletic Club Alley Way Entrance
- RecTrac app and Cancelling Classes online

A report was provided to the board members by the Interim Athletic Club Manager, Daren Gilman, regarding the latest updates of the athletic club including a mobile app before the survey.

An update on the Athletic Club alleyway entrance was given by Director Couceyro and Division Director Lorena Sliva. Director Couceyro stated that he talked with the Public Works department, and they are working on government regulations and signage for that area in addition to trying to figure out what they can do.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEMS FOR THE SECRETARY

Next Meeting date is December 17, 2025

A MOTION TO MOVE THE DECEMBER 17 MEETING TO DECEMBER 10 WAS MADE BY VICE CHAIR SHERRY CELESIA AND WAS SECONDED BY ISIS ARENAS. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:10 P.M. WAS MADE BY FRANK ANDOLLO AND WAS SECONDED BY ISIS ARENAS. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.