

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017 8:00 A.M.

- SUNSHINE MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
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Sally Baumgartner	*	P	P										James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	*	P	E										Patricia Keon
Blake Sando	*	P	E										Vince Lago
Richard Whittington	*	P	P										Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	E										Jeannette Slesnick

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

STAFF:

1. Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management / ADA and Non-Discrimination Coordinator
2. Lorena Garrido, Public Works Department

GUEST:

1. Kevin Kinney, Parking Department Director
2. Kelly Denham, Coral Gables Police Officer

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Debbie Dietz, Disability Independence Group

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

MEETING ABSENCE:

Mrs. Sowers, Mr. Sando and Mrs. Whitehurst were excused. There was no quorum. However, the meeting was held and will be on-record as Sunshine Meeting minutes.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL: None.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: None.

BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS: None.

CITY UPDATE: None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS: None.

PROGRAM: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Baumgartner asked Dr. Whittington about the young adults program discussed at the last Board meeting. Dr. Whittington recommended for this program to be discussed during the regular scheduled Board meetings rather than having additional meetings. He added this was the main topic discussed during February's meeting. In addition, meeting outside regular schedule Board meetings, may be in conflict with the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Baumgartner added that as advisory board, this Board does not run events. However, it can partner with others to do so. In addition, the Youth Center is in the process of hiring Special Needs Coordinators which may be the way to go with the young adult program. This way the program would be ran by the City and not the Board.

Mrs. Blaire suggested for the Sunshine Law to be explained to the new members specifically, the portion on communication.

Mrs. Elejabarrieta suggested for the City Attorney's Office to be invited to a future meeting for this purpose.

Mrs. Baumgartner asked the status of the audible signals on Miracle Mile. Mrs. Elejabarrieta is expecting to have an update by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kinney reported that the trolleys' audible stop / annunciation system is being installed. This system will also include an application which will inform the time a trolley will take to arrive at a particular stop. The application may be downloaded from the City's website. Mr. Kinney also reported on the negotiations with Freebie who provides services to many events in the County to include Ultra and areas in Miami Beach. The idea is for Freebie to provide flexible routes on a golf cart, which will include an ADA accessible cart. They will provide point to point service (pick-up / drop-off) in the downtown area to alleviate parking due to the construction.

As far as the master plan for the trolley routes, priorities are being looked at. One priority is providing service on Saturdays and there's also conversations pertaining to key points of interest and an east / west route. However, this all depends on funding.

Mr. Kinney and Officer Denham discussed the process of fining individuals for the misuse of handicap placards. Parking Department has issued approximately 100 handicap violation citations this quarter, which is typical.

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Mrs. Blaire suggested creating public awareness or educational videos through the City's channel 77 to educate the public on the proper use of handicap placards and other useful information. This will be further discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's Conference Room.*