

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2018, 2018 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	
Blake Sando	*	P	P	P	P	P							Vince Lago
Shedrick Boren	*	A	P	E	P	E							Mayor Raul Fauli-Valdes
Patricia Sowers	*	P	E	P	P	P							Patricia Keon
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	P	P	P							Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	P	P	P	P							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

GUESTS:

1. Mr. Fred Couceyro, Director, Parks & Recreation
2. Ms. Carolina Vester, Assistant Director, Parks & Recreation
3. Ms. Deborah D. Swain
4. Ms. Jessica Keller, Assistant Director, Public Works
5. Mary Palacio-Pike, Crystal Academy Co-Founder

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

1. Bonnie Blaire
2. Debbie Dietz

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 8:03am.

MEETING ABSENCE:

None

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

May 2, 2018 – Will be reviewed and approved at next scheduled meeting

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update regarding Resolution – Jonathan’s Day / City of Coral Gables to Host and/or Organize Disability Awareness Event during Disability Month – October 2018

Mr. Sando introduced Mr. Fred Couceyro and asked that he speak in regards to update reference Jonathan’s Day and also movie event held at the Coral Gables Cinema.

Coral Gables Cinema – Sensory Free Movie

Mr. Couceyro stated during sensory movie viewing, there was a small resource fair set up where families could obtain information. Mr. Couceyro stated there were also other activities where children could participate such as checkers, connect four, etc. Mr. Couceyro advised that the set up allowed for people to come and go as necessary, movies shown were 10 minute shorts\ and patrons were able to receive a drink as well as popcorn. Mr. Couceyro stated there were over 100 attendees at this event. Mr. Couceyro also advised that the Coral Gables Disability Program Video was available for view.

Update regarding Resolution –City of Coral Gables to Host and/or Organize Disability Awareness Event during Disability Month – October 2018 / Jonathan’s Day

Mr. Couceyro stated that the Parks & Recreation Board was presented information regarding hosting a Disability Awareness Event and they are supportive of the City hosting such an event, however having it non inclusive to Jonathan’s Day. Mr. Couceyro stated Parks & Recreation Board feels it would be best to have an event where Jonathan’s Day can be a component of it, but have other entities participate as well.

Mr. Couceyro stated that they are currently studying what type of event would be best to be conducted during the Disability Awareness event, regarding if there should be a 5k or walk, etc. Mr. Couceyro stated he feels it would be a great to start by expanding on this smaller event just held at the Coral Gables Cinema.

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised that the Resolution along with the staff’s recommendation that the City host and organize a Disability Awareness Event in lieu of one for a specific non-profit organization and to allow non-profits/organizations such as Jonathan’s Day to participate and/or be a component of the event should make June 12, 2018 commission meeting. Mr. Sando advised that this is consistent with what the Board has discussed in the past and it will be a beautiful event which will focus on all people with disabilities.

Mr. Couceyro discussed difference between cost of having a 5K or a walking event. Mr. Couceyro stated it depends on set up, location, timing, cost of police officers, etc and 5K does cost more than a walk. Mr. Couceyro stated the staff can also study the possibility of other venues within the City where such an event can be held.

Ms. Palacio-Pike stated she believes a walk can be conducted at the Youth Center due to the accessibility this venue provides.

Ms. Swain stated that during the Parks Board a motion was made that they would support the event however that it be clear that no current funds from the Parks & Recreation budget be utilized for this type of event. Ms. Swain stated that the Parks & Recreation Board request additional monies for this particular event.

NEW BUSSINESS

Ms. Deborah D. Swain- Sidewalks / Mobility & ADA Concerns

Ms. Swain addressed Board in regards to intrusion of poles and fire hydrants onto narrow sidewalks as well as missing sidewalks throughout City.

Ms. Swain also addressed regarding installation of sidewalks, including a sidewalk at her neighborhood.

Ms. Keller was present and provided information such as policies in place regarding installation of sidewalks throughout the City. Ms. Keller also advised Board of initiatives and programs the City is working on.

Mr. Sando asked if he could obtain clarity in regards specifically what action from Board is being looked for. Ms. Swain stated she is looking for the Board's support for changes in City policy either through resolutions or ordinances which will allow the installation of sidewalks on collector streets, where there are plans to do so already without the required 2/3 concurrence. Ms. Swain also stated also that in the long term, she believes the City needs to be questioned in regards to the allowing of zero lot lines in commercial areas, putting sidewalk accessibility in jeopardy.

Ms. Sowers asked in regards to the Audible sidewalks. Ms. Keller advised the County has jurisdiction of the Audible sidewalks. Ms. Keller advised that she will be speaking with Mr. Pino in regards to this matter.

Supper Club Update:

Ms. Dietz stated they had another successful event on Monday evening. Ms. Dietz advised there will not be an event during the month of July and next one will be for August 6, 2018. .

Friends Club:

Ms. Blaire advised of upcoming meeting which is held the first Thursday of every month at the Adult Activity Center.

NEXT MEETING:

July 11, 2018

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 09:13am - Motion by: Dr. Whittington / 2nd: Ms. Whitehurst / All approved unanimously