

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

4:00 PM

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

Coral Gables Country Club

**Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Began at 4:06 pm

## **ROLL CALL**

### **a. Roll Call and Excusal of Absences**

**Present: 6 – Board member Sherry Celesia, Board member Peter Izaguirre, Board member Albert Sanchez, Board member Isis Arenas, Chair Don Slesnick III and Vice-Chair Ruben Rodriguez**

**Excused: 1 - Board member George Navarro**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY RUBEN RODRIGUEZ AND SECOND BY SHERRY CELESIA. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. General Updates**

- Closing of Q3 financials including expenditures and revenues
- Le Parc Café – 5-year agreement update
- Venue – update on venue numbers and leads through various CRM systems
- Athletic Club – update on membership numbers and new equipment
- Update on maintenance projects completed and pending
- Tentative Maintenance Closure for Athletic Club – Thursday, October 3 through Sunday, October 6

After a brief introduction, Deputy Director Carolina gave the board members an update on the third quarter of operations at Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

Deputy Director Carolina continued to communicate athletic club membership updates while Carlos Llompert, the athletic manager, was absent. Valerie Pinon, the venue's manager, provided venue updates to the board members.

Deputy Director Carolina pointed out that she will share the numbers of other locations that compete with the club at the next meeting, as well as the membership renewal survey.

Board member Peter Izaguirre inquired about the Birdie Bistro site and whether it would fall under the country club. Deputy Director Carolina stated that this one will be a little different because what they do with the Le Parc is more of a license agreement, with the city having a larger investment in management and oversight, whereas the Bistro will be more of a lease. So, the lease is being overseen for the city manager's office by the asset manager.

Vice-chair Ruben Rodriguez asked about the number of nonrenewal. As previously stated, Deputy Director Carolina will disclose the number of renewals and non-renewals at the subsequent meeting. She will also present the renewal survey at the next meeting.

Deputy Director Carolina shared with the board members a presentation on the Le Parc Cafe at Coral Gables Golf and Country Club.

The board members were informed by Deputy Director Carolina that they may present their members' keyfobs at Le Parc Café to receive a 10% discount.

Deputy Director Carolina continued to inform the board that they are considering performing a maintenance closure for the athletic club as part of the contract to improve the surrounding of the club. They plan to perform maintenance on Thursday, October 3 through Sunday, October 6.

**b. Special Events**

Deputy Director Carolina Vester proceeded to update the board on the forthcoming event for the month of September, including Labor Day Pool Party – Sunday, September 1 from 12 p.m., Alma de Tango Milonga - Friday, September 13 at 8 p.m., Le Parc Café Ice Cream Tuesdays and Friday Happy Hour with live music, Bridal Expo and new event ideas.

**c. Administrative Updates**

Deputy Director Carolina Vester continued with the forthcoming event for the month of September, Cycle Day - Tour of Parks - Sunday, September 15 at 9 a.m., AAC Western Roundup 2024 - Friday, September 20 at 2 p.m., Pollinator Palooza - Saturday, September 28 at 9:30a.m. and A Saturday at the Cinema, September, Paul Newman & Robert Redford's "The Sting" at 11a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Public comment – Resident Joseph Fadel**

Resident Joseph Fadel stated that he believes the city is doing an excellent job taking over this facility. He said he is very impressed. Second, he believes the athletic facility is excellent. It's a wonderful deal for what it costs. He goes there on a regular basis because he wants to use the pool, and one of the most common issues he has is using a lane. He wants to know why the club has opted not to support lane sharing at the option of members.

Deputy Director Carolina said if Country Club Fitness & Pool Manager Carlos would be there, he could've shared two options. Unfortunately, he got unwell this morning. He missed the meeting. However, we discussed and received your information from other sources. In our discussions, we agreed to post something for shared use. Carlos worries that because we're a member-only pool, there's an expectation of privacy, especially since many people use it competitively. It's also worrying him because there are no bottom markings.

b. Board member Albert Sanchez brought to Deputy Director Carolina's attention the past previous members mixer and suggested improving food quality for future social gatherings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Athletic Club Surveys review
- b. Code of Conduct review
- c. Pool lane lines discussion
- d. Update on alleyway to turn it into a one-way

Deputy Director Carolina reminded the board that due to a lack of time to further discussion old business, it will be brought up at the next meeting.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday, September 25 at 4 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:22 P.M. WAS MADE BY RUBEN RODRIGUEZ AND WAS SECONDED BY ALBERT SANCHEZ. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **NOTE**