

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
 CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
 WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	APPOINTED BY:
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Sally Baumgartner	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
William Beckham	*	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	Vince Lago
Richard Whittington	*	*	*	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst				P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	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. Dona M. Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director
3. Lorena Garrido, Public Works Department

GUEST:

1. Kevin Kinney, Parking Department Director

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:

None.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- **June 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Sowers moved to approve the June 1, 2016 meeting minutes. Dr. Whittington second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS:

CITY UPDATE: None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

PROGRAM: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Baumgartner reported that she booked the Vision program for October versus September, as previously discussed. She asked Dr. Whittington if he could arrange for the Hearing program to be in September. If not, one of the other programs could be moved up to September.

The programs have been scheduled for 8:00 am at Youth Center Theater, on the below dates:

- September 14th
- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th

Mrs. Blaire showed the Board the installed Sorenson Video Relay Service (SVRS) phone system stated this system is one of two in Miami-Dade County. The Center for Independent Living (C.I.L.S.F.) will ensure the deaf community is aware of the phone's location.

Mrs. Blaire inquired about the City's Merry Christmas Park and the proposed material to be used in order to make it more accessible.

Ms. Garrido received information from the City of South Miami of the mulch-like matting used at Dante Fascell Park. This was forwarded the Parks & Recreation Department to look into.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board's summer schedule was discussed. It was determined that the August 3rd meeting would not be held. Dr. Whittington moved to skip the August 3rd Board meeting. Mrs. Whitehurst second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Baumgartner distributed information on an application called Be My Eyes. This application allows blind individuals connect with volunteers to assist them cope with everyday tasks. She also provided information on "Nu Eyes". These are smart glasses designed to restore sight to people with serious vision loss.

Mr. Kinney reported that automated stops announcement will be installed in the trolleys this summer. He mentioned the City is now purchasing low floor trolleys and he brought one for members to go-on-board and take a look. These trolleys make it easier for the disabled community and seniors to board them. As result of a discussion previously held with Ernie Martinez, Mr. Kinney said they are working with the trolley manufacturer to retrofit a solution for the pulls (for location stops) for passengers on wheelchairs.

Mr. Kinney reported at the City's Transportation Master Plan kick-off meeting, several comments were made of places people want to go and the possibility of incorporating these stops in the trolley system: Youth Center, Library, City Hall, Adult Activity Center. This is something that may be considered as part of this plan.

Mrs. Spain introduced Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management / ADA and Non-Discrimination Coordinator. Mrs. Elejabarrieta recently started with the City and will be involved with the Board going forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's Theater.*