

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

4:00 PM

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

Coral Gables Country Club

Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:12 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present - Board Member Sherry Celesia, Board Member Isis Arenas, Board Member George Navarro, Board Member Albert Sanchez and Board member Pete Izaguirre

Excused - Board members Ruben Rodriguez and Board Member Pedro Andollo

Staff - Present - Division Director Danelle Escobar, Director Fred Couceyro, Assistant Director Sarah Espino, Administrative Analyst Ann Del Valle and Venue Manager Valerie Pinon

Staff - Excused - Athletic Club Manager Carlos Llompert

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER GEORGE NAVARRO, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER ALBERT SANCHEZ. ALL IN FAVOR; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Welcome of new Advisory Board members

a. General Country Club Division Updates

The board members were provided with an in depth report from Division Director Escobar on the following items.

- IT updates-new equipment
- Partnership with Kiwanis of Little Havana

Division Director Danelle Escobar informed the board on new partnership with the Kiwanis of Little Havana. It was mentioned the dominos tournament will be happening in the near future and country club members as well as the general public are welcome.

- Meeting with Dimello305

Similar scenario to partnering with Kiwanis of Little Havana. Division Director Danelle Escobar met with Dimello305 and provided a tour of the facilities to Dimello305 for potential future events.

- Athletic Club

A paper report was provided to the board members by Director Escobar on behalf of Athletic Club Manager Carlos Llompert. This report included the comparative study fees charged at other gyms.

- o Membership Open House

Director Escobar provided updates on the membership Open House where over 60 memberships were created bringing in a total revenue of \$63,000.

- o Athletic Club Revenue Report

o Fitness Challenge- Director Escobar mentioned potential for fitness events open to the public in the near future.

- Venue

o Ole' Soccer Summit - Venue Manager Valerie Pinon mentioned the Ole Soccer Summit coming up and how IT will have a walk through for this event in the upcoming weeks.

- o Maintenance Week Preparation

Maintenance Week was discussed and how the Country Club will remain open and taking bookings for events this week as it should not affect operations.

- Le Parc Café

o Update on Le'Parc's remodeling of front of house

- o Working on poolside service system

Director Escobar mentioned that public feedback included more options for kids menu and how she would run this by Le Parc Cafe to see if more options could possibly be added.

b. Event Updates

• New Event Ideas

o Brainstorming to come up with new ideas to expand exposure and draw in community.

• Upcoming Events

o June 13 Member Mixer

Venue Manager Valerie Pinon gave an update on the Member Mixer coming up in June. The event will include a DJ, cigar rolling and wine & whiskey tastings for the members. It was mentioned by board member Albert Sanchez to see if a count of guests could be accounted for to see if members are bringing more than one guest.

o June 15 Father's Day Poolside BBQ

Director Escobar mentioned the poolside BBQ coming up for Father's Day and encouraged members to attend.

o Summer Sunday Member Poolside BBQ- Every Sunday from June 1 through August 10 (End of Summer Bash)

c. General Community Recreation Updates:

Upcoming Events:

June 6th: Summer Kickoff - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

June 28th: AAC Movie Series - Breakfast at Tiffany's

4th of July Firework Celebration

Director Couceyro gave update to the board about the July 4th firework show including a drone show this year.

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New City Manager Appointed

Director Couceyro gave update to the board on new/previous City Manager Peter Iglesias being appointed back to this position during last Commission Meeting.

Golf Course Online Booking – No-Show Issue

Board Member George Navarro noted that some members are booking tee times online and not showing up. He suggested implementing a system to discourage this behavior. Director Couceyro agreed to look into it and report back.

Potential Frosting of Glass for Gym Classes

Board member Sherry suggested if during classes there could be some kind of privacy set up like window frosting at least half of the classes' glass.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Navarro raised concerns about the one-way entrance at the Athletic Club and the ongoing issue of drivers going in both directions. Director Couceyro responded that budget constraints, due to City Hall renovations, have delayed potential improvements.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Next meeting date is Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 4 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY BOARD MEMBER ALBERT SANCHEZ AT 5:15 P.M., SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER GEORGE NAVARRO. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR UNANIMOUSLY.

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