

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of February 28, 2014 Meeting
Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center
405 University Drive,
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY
Robin Burr	P	P	P	R	R	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Valerie Gelnovatch	A	A	P	R	R	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	Vice Mayor William Kerdyk, Jr.
Kirk Menendez	B	B	B	R	R	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	Comm. Patricia Keon
Robert Ruano	P	P	E	R	R	P	P	E	P	N	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Marty Steinberger	P	P	E	R	R	E	P	P	P	N	A	E	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Martha Serola	P	P	E	R	R	E	E	E	E	N	P	P	City Manager Patrick G. Salerno
Carlos Hernandez	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	P	N	P	P	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

A = Absent
B = Not on Board at Time of Meeting
C = Cancelled
E = Excused absence
P = Present
N = No quorum
R = Recessed
S = Sick
V = Vacant position

STAFF:

Jessica Keller,
Community Services Director

Tricia Spencer,
Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

1. Robert Ruano called the meeting to order at 8:24 a.m.
2. **Approval of Board minutes of January 31, 2014 meeting** – A motion was made by Carlos Hernandez to approve the minutes of January 31, 2014. Motion to approve minutes was passed unanimously by the Board.
3. **Approval of Excused Absences** - A motion was made by Robin Burr to not approve the excused absence of Marty Steinberger who was absent at the January 31st, 2014 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Motion to not approve the excused absence of Marty Steinberger was passed unanimously by the Board.

4. Upcoming Special Events

- St. Patrick's Day Festival will be held on Saturday, March 8th, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park
- Frtiz and Franz will be having its second annual St. Patrick's Day Weekend event from Friday, March 14th to Sunday, March 17th, 2014 from 12:00 noon to midnight at the Plaza located at 60 Merrick Way.
- Bike305 will be having a Bike and BBQ on Sunday, March 16th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.; the event will begin in front of the Coral Gables Museum and end at Matheson Hammock Park
- Carnaval on the Mile will be held on Friday, February 28th, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight and on Saturday, March 1st and Sunday March 2nd, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to midnight on Miracle Mile from Douglas to Lejeune.
- Eggstreme Egg Hunt and Helicopter Egg Drop will be held on Saturday, April 19th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; there will be five egg hunts at 5 City parks - Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center, Jaycee Park, Phillips Park, Salvadore Park and Sunrise Harbor Park.

5. New Business

• Neighborhood Renaissance Program Projects related to Parks and Recreation

There was a discussion on how much money was allocated to renovate the William H. Kerdyk Biltmore Tennis Center and the status of that project. Jessica Keller said that the scope of work to be done are the facility's courts, lighting and grounds with a fee of \$200,000.00; AECOM is currently working to complete the construction documents and will subsequently submit plans for review through the Building and Zoning Department. 60% of consultation with AECOM is completed. Jessica also requested additional

information from Public Works as related to the maintenance of the Youth Center; there is also upgrade information for Granada Golf Course, Venetian Pool and the Youth Center. As soon as Jessica receives that information she will have Tricia spencer circulate it to the Board.

Kirk Menendez was concerned about the current condition of the dug outs and said that the rust issue is a problem for the children who play on the Youth Center field.

The Board also inquired about the vision of Fred B. Hartnett Ponce Circle Park and said that the park needs freshening up in the meantime as development of the existing open space that will include areas to gather, plazas, gardens, and public events are in the works. The current status is that the RFQ was put out, proposals from top ranked firms were received and the City of Coral Gables is currently in the negotiating stages with a firm.

Martha Serola said that the Granada Golf Course is looking run down and wanted to know the status of fixing the golf course.

Jessica Keller said that there is a budget of \$420,000 for upgrades to the Granada Golf Course; the golf course will subsequently be shut down in order for repairs.

The Board has requested to invite Ernesto Pino of Public Works to the next Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board meeting to inform them of the status of Neighborhood Renaissance Program Project as it relates to Parks and Recreation.

• **Soccer RFP**

Copies of the Soccer RFP were distributed to the Board. Val Gelnovatch, Carlos Hernandez and Kirk Menendez were concerned that the RFP was missing some key things in it in order to provide a successful soccer program at the Youth Center.

Kirk Menendez suggested the following for the proposed Soccer RFP:

- 1) 70%/30% split of all revenues generated by the soccer program should be replaced with a flat fee to be paid on a quarterly basis and the 70/30 split should be applied only to camps, clinics, tournaments and private lessons. The 70/30 should not be applied to coaching fees and uniforms because the soccer professional would have to make up the costs and pass them along to the parents in order to satisfy that split requirement. The City can accomplish a similar goal without burdening the parents and jeopardizing the growth and well-being of the program itself.
- 2) RFP makes no mention of whether a corporation or partnership may bid. The impression based on wording is that only individuals are welcome and invited to bid; RFP should clearly state that individuals, corporations and partnerships may bid.
- 3) The soccer professional should not be required to possess a Bachelor's Degree; at the very least work experience should be submitted for a Bachelor's Degree.
- 4) FRP mentions that there are three (3) age appropriate fields, however only two (2) of those fields can be used at a time for games because they overlap.
- 5) RFP mentions that there be field space to practice twelve (12) teams at a time; if twelve (12) teams practiced at a time on a consistent basis the fields will be destroyed by December.
- 6) The soccer professional should be allowed to schedule clinics, camps, and individual training at the field (s).
- 7) RFP states that soccer professional must attend all Youth Center staff meetings; considering Youth Center staff meetings take place at different hours in the day, perhaps the soccer professional could be permitted to send a designee. Also, Youth Center staff meetings could be better defined to involve only those meetings dealing with the fields or the sports programs.
- 8) RFP requires the soccer professional to be on site 40 hours per week. Again, the 40 hours per week should be revised to allow for a designee. The soccer professional can be required to be accessible a certain number of days and hours per week.
- 9) If corporations and partnerships are permitted, the City of Coral Gables should include in the RFP a requirement that they be in good standing, not in arrears with another soccer program/City. The City should also take into account their history, in particular lawsuits.
- 10) Kirk urges the City to include in the RFP that the soccer professional will report and respond to a Soccer Advisory Board. The Board should be authorized to communicate with and advise the Soccer Professional, the Parks/Youth Center Director, the City Manager directly and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Several seats on the Soccer Advisory Board should be reserved for members of the Coral Gables Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Coral Gables War Memorial Youth Center Association.

Carlos Hernandez was concerned that the Soccer RFP would not be ready in time for soccer tryouts which begin the last week of May to the beginning of June.

The Board has requested to have a Parks and Recreation Soccer meeting in addition to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting

- **Exercise Bar for Seniors in Fitness Center**

Kirk Menendez was concerned that the new exercise bar in the Fitness Center is not the best quality of apparatus because it is not adjustable for the seniors who use the bar in the exercise program.

6. **Old Business**

- **Turfing of Phillips Park**

Carlos Hernandez made a motion to look at the cost of turfing Phillips Park at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

7. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** in conjunction with a **Parks and Recreation Soccer Meeting** will be held on **Friday, March 14, 2014**. The meeting will start at **8:15 a.m.** and will be held at the **Venetian Pool** located at 2701 DeSoto Boulevard, Coral Gables.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.