

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015, 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY:
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Sally Baumgartner	-	-	P	E	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	P	E	P	P	P	James C. Cason
Patricia Sowers	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	E	P	P	P	P	Patricia Keon
William Beckham	E	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	E	E	P	P	P	Vince Lago
Bonnie Blaire	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	P	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Richard Whittington	P	P	P	P	*	P	P	P	E	*	*	P	P	P	P	P	Frank C. Quesada

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

Lorena Garrido, Central Division Supervisor – Public Works Department

GUEST:

1. Kelly Denham, City of Coral Gables – Police Department

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

1. Katie Krater, Senior Advisory Board
2. Matt Dietz, Disability Independence Group
3. Debbie Dietz, Disability Independence Group

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Blaire called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MEETING ABSENCE: None.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

- **December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Beckham moved to approve the December 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Mrs. Sowers second the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None.

BOARD-RELATED COMMISSION ITEMS: None.

CITY UPDATE: None.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS: None.

PROGRAM:

Matt and Debbie Dietz updated the Board on their ID card program for individuals with autism and similar disabilities. They shared a video posted on their webpage showing individuals with autism and different examples of when and how this wallet card can be used. The card is free and personalized to the individual's disability and it also lists the triggers associated with their disability. Mrs. Dietz mentioned that aside from posting this video on their webpage, they will eventually spread the word with advertising and other sources. She stated that they intend to make another training video specifically for first responders (police/fire) for them to educate them about the behavioral signs of autism disabilities. The goal is to not have autistic individuals arrested because of their behaviors and disabilities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chamber – Disability Affairs Programs: Mr. Beckham reported that his son reached out to Mark Trowbridge, Chamber of Commerce and a meeting will be coordinated with the Small Business Committee. This is tentatively being scheduled for their March 2015 monthly meeting. Mr. Beckham said he would like to mention or announce the new Consumer Information for Disability Affairs (Center) and have a disabled person to present as well. Mrs. Blaire suggested to mention the positives on why is good to do business with the disabled community and how to maximize the opportunity.

Mrs. Blaire discussed extending the audible signals on Miracle Mile to Aragon and Giralda and mentioned this would be addressed during the streetscape project.

There were some questions/concerns regarding downtown tenants and ADA access. Ms. Garrido mentioned she would share with Jane Tompkins, Development Services Director.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 8:00 am to be held at the *Coral Gables Youth Center's 2nd Floor Conference Room.*