

CITY OF CORAL GABLES/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
Coral Gables Police Department Community Meeting Room
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS:	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY:
Belinda Sime	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	A	Mayor Jim Cason
Alberto Menendez	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Elizabeth Gallagher	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	Comm. Pat Keon
Philip Kates	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	A	Comm. Vince Lago
Frank Rosell	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	A	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Vacant	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+		City Manager
Dr. Patricia A. Whitely	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	E	Vice President, Student Affairs, UM
Sarah Artecona	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	Asst. VP, Gov. & Comm. Relations, UM
David Rivero	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	Director of Public Safety, UM
Matthew Getzoff	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	Inter-fraternity Council President, UM
Alessandria San Roman	+	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	E	Student Government President, UM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Virginia Goizueta, Building Services Coordinator, Development Services

A = Absent; E = Excused; P = Present

+ = No Meeting

* = New Member; - = Resigned Member

GUESTS:

University of Miami: Alicia Corral, Campus Planner; Gilbert Arias, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs; Mindy Herris, Community Relations Office

Recording and Preparation of Meeting Minutes: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rivero at 5:04 p.m. Board members introduced themselves for the record.

II. MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Artecona made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menendez and unanimously passed to approve the meeting absences of Dr. Pat Whitely and Alessandria San Roman.

III. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2014:

Ms. Artecona made a motion, seconded by Mr. Menendez and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting.

IV. UPDATE / U.M. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION INITIATIVES: Alicia Corral

- Development Agreement (DA): The City hosted the 4th Joint Development Agreement annual meeting on November 19, 2014.

Report Highlights: Community - Gables Fellows Program; performance and concert series; Meet the Docs; lecture series. Hurricane Athletics Ticket Program – Men's and women's basketball; football; baseball. July 4th Fireworks Celebration: UM assisted with offsite parking for event participants.

- Mobility Plan 2015: The 2015 report will be submitted to the City on June 1, 2015;
 Fall 2014 counts: Traffic is down by 30% in the last three years, with a 36% decline during morning and evening peak periods in the San Amaro/Campo Sano corridors;
 Spring counts expected in March: Expect continuation of those traffic levels with the reduction of traffic north of the lake in residential areas.

- Internal Road Phase II: Phase II calls for connecting the parking lots together with a road north of the lake; reflects a view for reducing traffic that is outdated and destroys the Arboretum. The Mobility Plan elements that reduce traffic by 36% call for a revised scope of Phase II to connect the northern parking resources and save the Gifford Arboretum as well as continue the parking reduction north of the lake near residential areas. A justification report has been submitted to the City. Plans call for completion in Fall 2017. The University hopes for City support in adjusting the scope for completion in 2017.
- Recently Completed Projects:
 - Toppel Center was relocated to Ponce de Leon with a major renovation and small addition (provides student career counseling and job placement).
 - Athletics Practice Field: A new AstroTurf covering allows teams to stay competitive when playing on artificial turf.
 - Dining Halls and UC Dining: The facilities have been totally renovated and upgraded across the entire campus for students and faculty.
 - School of Music: The two wings connect with the Foster building via elevated bridges at both ends. The facility is the first Platinum LEED Building for the University, including solar panels, water reclamation and a special energy efficient system.
 - The Patricia Frost Center for Experiential Music houses administrative and academic uses in the new 50,000 GSF buildings. Functions in the buildings include open plan administrative stations, faculty and staff offices (Musicology Department, Music Education & Music Therapy Department, Keyboard Performance Department, Vocal Performance Department, Music Media & Industry Department, Studio Music & Jazz Department, Music Theory & Composition Department, Music Lecture / two small recital halls, Masters Classroom, one large recital hall for general music, music classrooms, music practice rooms, and a student lounge.
- Dickinson Drive Relocation: The new Dickinson Drive is now open. It was relocated 200 feet east with two lanes in and out and a planted median (moved to configure the site for the Lennar Foundation Medical Center).
- Projects Under Construction:
 - UHealth: The UM Health System is coming to the UM campus with a 200,000 SF ambulatory medical center. Outpatient services will include Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer and Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, urgent care, outpatient surgery, men's and women's health, physical therapy, diagnostic imaging and radiation oncology, and student health. Parking for the facility will be at the Ponce Garage with easy and quick access from US1. Pedestrian and vehicular connections to the garage area, valet, self-park, patient drop-off and pick-up areas are planned. The campus commuters will then park at a new Merrick Garage closer to the heart of the campus. Expected completion is in 24 months.
- Ungar Building: Window renovation.
- Projects in Permitting:
 - Merrick Drive: The street will be modified to have two entry lanes and two exit lanes and the intersection will be signalized.
 - Merrick Garage: A new parking garage will be located adjacent to the current Pavia Garage. This new 900 space structure will be used by all campus commuters. The parking will be closer to the campus core. The project includes the widening of Merrick Drive and may include a new signal at the intersection of Merrick and Ponce.
 - Lake Osceola Pedestrian Bridge: The bridge will provide a new and convenient pedestrian route from Merrick south of the lake directly to the heart of the campus at the UC patio and SAC area.
 - Hecht Pedestrian Bridge: The bridge will further enhance connectivity on campus with a new pedestrian bridge that extends the new walkway from the Hecht Athletics area.
- Near Term Upcoming Projects:
 - Nursing: A 34,000 SF addition will be made to the current buildings, a portion of which will also be renovated, to include (for teaching purposes), a simulated hospital setting, operating rooms, NICU, postpartum, and ICU. The facility will be state-of-the-art for student interaction with simulated patients as well as monitoring and control stations.
 - Architecture: A new academic building.

V. UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI EVENTS: Sarah Artecona

Ms. Artecona reported the following upcoming activities and events:

- Spring break will be from March 9 through 13. On March 31 at the field house, UM will host a City candidate forum in conjunction with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce. All candidates will speak on various topics through a moderator. The forum is open to the public and begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Ring Theater finishes its season with Oklahoma, running April 15 through 26.
- The University will host, with Miami-Dade County, a groundbreaking for the pedestrian overpass at University Station on April 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- Beginning the end of April or beginning of May, construction will begin for a pedestrian overpass that links a platform of the University Metrorail station to the other side of US1 with a path onto one lane of traffic that was donated by the County to the City on Mariposa.
- The University was notified by the City's Beautification/Landscaping Committee that the Newman Alumni Center is the recipient of a beautification award to be presented April 24 for the exterior of the building and the landscaping.
- The Student Activity Center will be officially renamed as the Donna Shalala Student Activity Center on April 30, as requested by the donor.
- Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for May 7 through 10. There may be traffic delays along Ponce de Leon Boulevard during commencement times.
- The Tennis Center court was recently refurbished.
- The track and field Hurricane Invitational will be held March 30.
- Baseball season is underway.
- Other announcements: The Development Agreement between the City and the University is now listed on the City's new telephone "app;" the University's new president will be named in approximately four to six weeks.

VI. UPDATE BY VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS: Gilbert Arias for Dr. Pat Whitely

- The University is hosting the Clinton Global Initiative event this weekend. It begins March 6 with an opening plenary session, during which President and Ms. Clinton and Chelsea Clinton will speak and address approximately 1200 students from around the world. To obtain a ticket, students are required to submit a proposal for doing a service project within the community. Mr. Arias advised Board members to let him know if they wanted to attend the event.
- Spring break activities are winding down.
- The University is continuing its coordination with the City's Code Enforcement Division, which notifies the University of each situation they learn about through Coral Gables Police reports or neighbors regarding students who do not adhere to Code Enforcement requirements. Mr. Arias explained the procedure followed by the University when a violation occurs.

VII. UPDATE / PRESIDENT OF THE INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL: Matthew Getzoff

- There are 33 Greek chapters on campus this year, an increase of two (NPHC Alpha Phi Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta) from the previous report.
- Active Greek membership is 2,653, 25% higher than predicted in the Fall Board meeting, and an 11% increase of the 2,374 members in Spring semester this time last year.
- Beta Theta Pi will take over 5800 San Amaro Drive in Fall semester.
- All Greek CPA for Fall was 3.412 (3.421 overall), over .3 higher from the all University undergraduate GPA of 3.105 for the semester (3.159 overall). The IFC won two awards at a recent Southeastern Fraternity Council for having the highest GPA for Fall and Spring among over 100 schools that attended.
- AGLO Greek Standards are due on March 24:
Raised \$361,901.39 last year/expecting over \$380,000 this year;
Total Greek service hours were 41,002 last year/expecting over 43,000 this year;

A Call to Men, New Member Symposium, Adam LoDolce

Greek Week was held this past week, hosting various events in the community, and anticipating receipt of over \$40,000 in raised funds.

VIII. UPDATE / PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT: Gilbert Arias for Alessandria San Roman

- In the absence of Ms. San Roman, Mr. Arias delivered her written report.
- The San Amaro safety continues to be a priority for Student Government (SG) and the University. SG is working with the City and UM administration to address this issue. SG participated today in a pedestrian/driver safety event with the University Police Department and other organizations, distributing useful safety items for students.
- FUNDay was a huge success with over 1,000 students and their buddies on campus participated.
- This weekend the SG will welcome President Clinton and his family for the annual Clinton Global Initiative.
- SG, in conjunction with UM Athletics will host a “Bark at the Mark” event during one of the home games in late April. Attendees are welcome to bring their dogs to the game.
- Brianna Hathaway will be Ms. San Roman’s successor as SG President for the upcoming school year.

IX. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 5, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Community Meeting Room, Coral Gables Police Department

X. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ms. Goizueta reported that Mr. Silio was reassigned to the City Manager’s Office, and she will again serve as Secretary to this Board. She stated that Board elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the October Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Goizueta

Secretary to the City of Coral Gables/University of Miami Community Relations Committee