

CORAL GABLES HOPKINS COOPER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of April 15, 2015
405 Biltmore Way – City Hall Conference Room
Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS	Apr. 15	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	APPOINTED BY
All current members were grandfathered in per establishing legislation.													
Jim Barker	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Edwina Prime	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Leona Cooper	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Leona Cooper Baker	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

A = Absent
E = Excused Absence
P = Present
- = No meeting

STAFF:

Naomi Levi, Assistant to the City Manager

GUESTS: Willie Gibson, Britnee Ellison

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Naomi Levi, Assistant to the City Manager

The meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair, Leona Cooper Baker, at approximately 3:10 p.m. Ms. Cooper appeared telephonically and as such, a quorum was present.

The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.

I. Welcome

Naomi welcomes everyone to the first official meeting of the Hopkins Cooper Scholarship Committee and gives a quick overview of board protocol, including the quorum requirement, opening and closing the meeting properly and motion-making.

II. Interview of Willie Gibson

The Committee talks to scholarship candidate Willie Gibson. He's asked a variety of questions including what classes he enjoys, what his college plans are and where he sees himself in five years. He also describes his hobbies, which include reading and volunteering with the NHS, his work experience at Milam's, and how much he likes living in the Golden Gate neighborhood.

Ms. Baker discusses the importance of maintaining his GPA and succeeding in college, remembering the community where he came from, and staying focused when he's tempted by distractions.

When asked how the application process could be improved upon, Willie says to continue to work closely with their high school's CAP advisor.

III. Interview of Britnee Ellison

During Britnee's interview she discusses her membership on the volleyball and basketball teams at school, how much she enjoys volunteering at various summer camps and her goal to pursuing dentistry in college. The one thing she would improve about the application process is to have a clearer deadline.

Following the interviews Ms. Baker moves to award the scholarship.

A motion was made by Ms. Baker to award the Hopkins Cooper Scholarship to both candidates, Willie Gibson and Britnee Ellison. The motion was seconded by Ms. Prime and passed unanimously.

IV. Unfinished Business

As this is the first official meeting there is no unfinished business.

V. Next Steps

Naomi will work on scheduling the scholarship award presentations at an upcoming commission meeting, and coordinating to have the checks prepared and congratulatory letters sent out.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Leona Cooper Baker
Acting Chair