CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM WEDNESDAY, September 5, 2018, 2018 8:00 A.M.

MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J 18	F 18	M 18		M 18	J 18		A 18		N 18	D 18	APPOINTED BY:
Blake Sando	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Vince Lago
Shedrick Boren	*	A	P	E	P	E	P	P	E			Mayor Raul Fauli-Valdes
Patricia Sowers	*	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P			Patricia Keon
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P			Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P			Michael Mena

P - Present

E - Excused Absence

A – Absent

(-) - No Appointment

(*) - No Meeting

STAFF:

- 1. Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director of Labor Relations and Risk Management / ADA Coordinator
- 2. Eglys Hernandez, Labor Relations and Risk Management

GUEST:

Mary Palacio-Pike, Crystal Academy Co-Founder Carolina Vester, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

None in attendance

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 08:05am

MEETING ABSENCE:

Shedrick Boren

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

August 1, 2018

Motion by: Ms. Marie-Ilene Whitehurst / 2nd: Dr. Richard Whittington / Approved unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Club for Adults with Disabilities – Update: Ms. Sowers

Ms. Sowers advised that during last month's meeting there were several new participants in attendance. Ms. Sowers stated that Ms. Blaire and she have been discussing having support dogs at future meetings. Ms. Vester stated that Mr. Ernie Martinez advised that he is available at no charge to assist with programing if needed.

Special Olympics

Ms. Whitehurst stated she was concerned that not many knew about the City's Special Olympics Bocce Program and wanted to know how to best inform the community of this program. Ms. Vester stated the City is holding the Special Olympics Bocce Program in the fall and asked that the Board distribute among their contacts the flyer advertising the Bocce Program. (Flyers of Bocce Program were also distributed – incorporated in minutes).

Update reference Adventure Day for All - Embracing People of all Abilities - Ms. Carolina Vester

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised that after speaking with Mr. Mizrachi it did not appear that Jonathan's Day would be part of the City's Adventure Day for All event due to the level of involvement Jonathan's Day would have in the City's event. Mr. Sando stated he also had a conversation with Mr. Mizrachi and would like to see a compromise. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that the City has branded this event in order to be able to continue having it in the future. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that they will reach out again and speak with Mr. Mizrachi to determine whether there is a resolution that works for both entities.

Mr. Sando and Ms. Whitehurst expressed concern regarding not having the promoting factor from CBS 4 if Jonathan's Day does not participate in the City event. Ms. Vester advised that the City will promote this event throughout various avenues. Ms. Vester stated that flyers will be distributed. Ms. Vester presented the Board with a draft of the flyer for the event. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that in order to facilitate the distribution of information that the Board members assist by forwarding this information to all of their contacts.

Ms. Vester presented the Board a draft of the event map for Adventure Day for All and draft of the event flyer (both incorporated into minutes). The event map was reviewed and explained to the Board. Ms. Vester discussed: the quiet area that would be made available, having staff available to assist at food trucks, the ADA portable bathroom, having sign-language interpreters on site, the activities area, the raised stage, the musicians, as well as any other suggestions the Board would like to make. Ms. Vester stated that there will also be several points of entry that will require participants to sign in prior to entry.

Ms. Vester advised that staff will be reaching out to various vendors regarding their participation in the event. Ms. Vester stated that they will be advising interested vendors that there will not be any charge to them; the City is waiving all fees for this event. Ms. Vester also stated that the City will be covering the cost of all rides available at this event. Ms. Sowers asked if it would be ok to advise vendors outside of Miami and Ms. Vester stated that would not be an issue. Ms. Elejabarrieta stated that once the flyers are available it will be distributed via various means and that it would also be crucial for the Board members to disseminate the flyer to all of their contacts.

NEW BUSINESS:

City of Doral Survey to Residents - Ms. Whitehurst

Ms. Whitehurst presented Board with a copy of a survey (incorporated into minutes) which was created and distributed to the community by the City of Doral in order to determine the size of their Special Needs population. Ms. Whitehurst stated she believes that the City of Coral Gables would benefit from conducting such a survey.

Mr. Sando asked if there is currently any data that the City of Coral Gables has regarding the Special Needs population within the community. Ms. Vester stated that currently information is received directly from families regarding their cases and is not disclosed.

Ms. Vester stated that the City is currently in the process of distributing a Citywide satisfaction survey which will be mailed to select random homes and also available online. Ms. Vester stated that this survey contains an ADA

general question as well as two questions that address specifically accessibility regarding parks and recreation programs.

Ms. Vester stated that the City has also commenced working on its' Parks Master Plan. Ms. Vester stated the first part of this plan is a need assessment survey that goes out to the community either via a survey or focus group in order to gather what the community needs and shapes the next 15 years of the Parks Master Plan. Ms. Vester stated that this would be a great opportunity to formulate something specifically to this matter.

How to best advise Community of important issues - Mary Palacio-Pike, Crystal Academy Co-Founder Ms. Palacio-Pike stated she would like to know how it would be best to inform Community of important upcoming meetings, issues, programing for young adults.

Mr. Sando asked that due to difficulties which families with children with disabilities can have, was there a way for them to participate at meetings in other ways, online or via petitions.

Ms. Vester stated that the City does place ads in newspapers regarding upcoming meetings, flyers are sent out and doorknob flyers are placed on each of the homes within 100 feet of area that will be affected. Ms. Vester stated she will provide Board amble time regarding upcoming meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

October 3, 2018

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 09:11am



Ages 8 - 15 years old

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Ages 16 years old and above

Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

This program provides adaptive and inclusive sports training with opportunities for competition in Bocce, which is a recognized Special Olympics Sport.

Special Olympics programming provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and strengthen friendships with their families and other Special Olympics athletes in the community.

Session 1: September 5 - September 26

Session 2: October 3 - October 24

Session 3: November 7 - December 5 No class Wednesday, November 21, 2018

Four-Week Session Fee:

Resident: \$35

Non-Resident: \$45

Registration is open to participants with and without disabilities.

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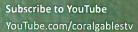


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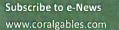


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In Celebration of Disability Awareness Month The City of Coral Gables Presents





Saturday, October 13, 2018 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

At Coral Gables City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way





This **FREE** event is family-friendly for all ages, and will feature a resource fair, challenges, crafts and other fun activities.

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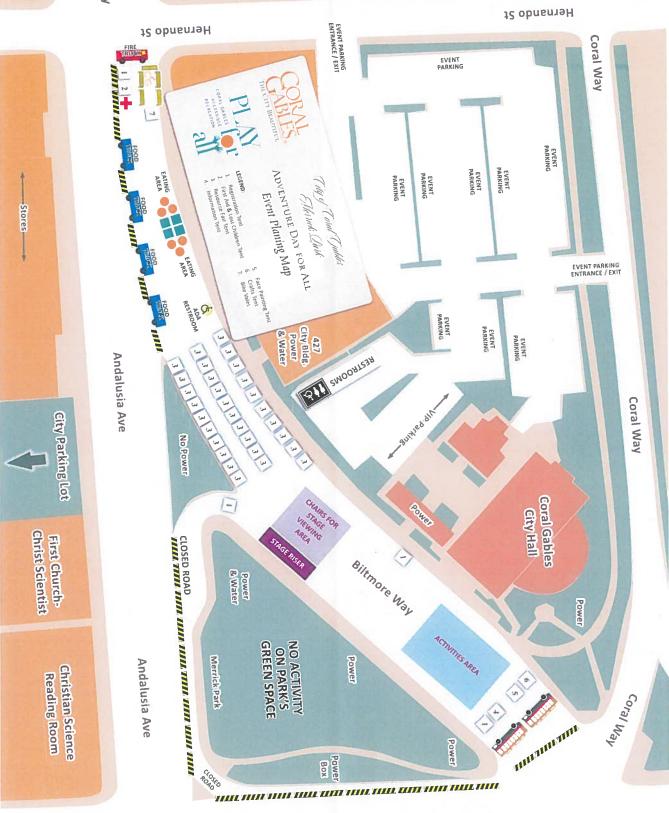


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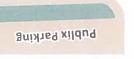
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May 22, 2017

Juan Carlos Bermudez

Dear Neighbor,

Mayor

The City of Doral is conducting research to determine the size of our Special Needs population. Our goal is to determine whether we, as a City, need more educational opportunities for this population. You have been selected to participate in a survey that is part of this effort. Our City is founded to encourage our neighbors to Live, Work, Learn and Play in Doral. This survey seeks to ensure this opportunity is available to all our neighbors. Please join me in this effort by completing the attached survey. Your input is extremely important, and will guide the efforts of our city for many years to come.

To participate in the survey, please answer the questions that follow and return ALL pages, including this cover letter, in the accompanying pre-paid envelope.

Online Option

If you prefer to take the survey online, please type http://go.iu.edu/DoralFL into your web browser. When prompted, enter the 4-digit verification code found below.

Your 4-digit verification code:

5701

Please return this survey by: July 21, 2017. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Eppley Institute at (812) 855-3095 or Eppley@indiana.edu for help.

Thank you for helping to shape the future of our community!

Sincerely,

Juan Carlos Bermudez

Mayor



May 22, 2017

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Mayor

Querido vecino,

La Ciudad de Doral está llevando a cabo una investigación para determinar el tamaño de nuestra población con Necesidades Especiales. Nuestro objetivo es determinar si nosotros, como Ciudad, necesitamos más oportunidades educativas para esta población. Usted ha sido seleccionado para participar en una encuesta que es parte de este esfuerzo. Nuestra Ciudad está fundada para alentar a nuestros vecinos a Vivir, Trabajar, Aprender y Jugar en Doral. Esta encuesta busca asegurar que esta oportunidad esté disponible para todos nuestros vecinos. Por favor únase a mí en este esfuerzo completando la encuesta adjunta. Su aportación es extremadamente importante y guiará los esfuerzos de nuestra ciudad durante muchos años por venir.

Para participar en la encuesta, responda a las preguntas que siguen y devuelva TODAS las páginas, incluida esta carta de presentación, en el sobre pre-pagado adjunto. Para recibir una copia impresa de esta encuesta en español, comuníquese con el Instituto Eppley al número o correo electrónico que se indica a continuación.

Opción en línea

Si prefiere realizar la encuesta en línea, escriba http://go.iu.edu/DoralFLEspanol en su navegador web. Cuando se le solicite, ingrese el código de verificación de 4 dígitos que se encuentra a continuación

Su código de verificación de 4 dígitos: 5701

Por favor devuelva esta encuesta antes del: July 21, 2017. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre la encuesta, comuníquese con el Instituto Eppley al (812) 855-3095 o con Eppley@indiana.edu para obtener ayuda.

¡Gracias por ayudar a dar forma al futuro de nuestra comunidad!

Sinceramente.

Juan Carlos Bermudez Mayor

YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT

City of Doral Resident Survey

The City of Doral is conducting this survey to understand the best ways to communicate to your household news and information about City services and activities, and to understand citizen support for providing education and recreation services to residents with special needs in Doral. The survey is being sent to every household in the community and it is very important to receive your feedback. The survey will take only 10-12 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. Thank you for your valuable input!

1.	How many people in your household are:
	Under age 5 Ages 15-19 Ages 35-44 Ages 55-64 Ages 5-9 Ages 20-24 Ages 45-54 Ages 65+ Ages 10-14 Ages 25-34
2.	What is your gender?(1) Female(2) Male
3.	Are you or other members of your household of <u>Hispanic</u> , <u>Latino</u> , <u>or Spanish</u> ancestry?(1) Yes(2) No
4.	Which of the following best describes your race? (Check all that apply)(1) White/Caucasian(4) African American/Black(2) Asian(5) Other:(3) Pacific Islander
5.	Children and adults with "special needs" have one or more of the medical conditions listed below Please check ALL the medical conditions that members of your household have. (01) Attention deficit disorder (02) Attention deficit/hyperactive disorder (03) Aphasia/Dysphagia (04) Aphasia/Dyspraxia (05) Fragile "X" (06) Auditory Processing (07) Autism (08) Aspergers (09) Cystic Fibrosis (10) Mental Retardation (11) Cerebral Palsy
5. P	ublic schools in the City of Doral are operated by the Miami-Dade County School District. Do you have any children in your household who are in public schools in the City of Doral? (1) Yes (2) No

7. C		have any children with special needs in your household? (1) Yes [please answer Question #7a and #7b] (2) No [please go to Question #8]
	7a.	Please check ALL the classroom settings children in your household with special needs attend. (1) General education classes in public schools within the City of Doral (2) Classes only for children with special needs in public schools within the City of Doral (3) General education classes in private schools within the City of Doral (4) Classes only for children with special needs in private schools within the City of Doral (5) Classes only for children with special needs in public schools outside the City of Doral (6) Classes only for children with special needs in private schools outside the City of Doral
	7b	How satisfied are you with the educational opportunities available to children in your household with special needs within the City of Doral? (1) Very satisfied
8.	child need	ren with special needs can be in general education classrooms where they take classes with ren that do not have special needs or they can be in classes that only serve children with special s. The Miami-Dade County School District works with parents in determining what types of room education is appropriate for their child.
	Chile	a few of the public schools in Doral offer classes that <u>are only for children with special needs</u> . ren with special needs who need to or want to be in classes only for special needs children often travel to schools outside of the City of Doral.
	City	supportive are you of the Miami-Dade County Public School District having more schools in the of Doral offering some classes that only serve children with special needs so these children do not to travel out of the City of Doral to go to public schools having special needs only classes? (1) Very supportive (2) Supportive (3) Not sure (4) Not supportive
9.	havi	k ALL the reasons you are very supportive or supportive of the Miami-Dade County School District ng more public schools in the City of Doral offer classes that only serve children with special needs. (1) It is important that all children in Doral have an opportunity to attend a school in the City of Doral that meets their educational needs. (2) I know some children attending school in the City of Doral that are in general education classes that would benefit more from being in classes only for children with special needs. (3) Children with special needs in general education classes require a lot of the teacher's time.

7.

10.	City of Doral government services and activities to citizens. Please (1) Mailings to your residence (2) E-Mails from the City to you (3) City website calendar	of Doral uses to communicate information about government of the check ALL the ways you have used to get information about government of the ctivities over the past 2 years. (5) City Twitter Account(6) City Instagram Account(7) Other:(7)	ent out					
11.	(4) City Facebook page From the list above in Question #10, wh	ich THREE ways do you most prefer the City of Doral uses	: to					
	communicate information about government services and activities to your household? [Write the numbers below for your 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd choices].							
	1 st Most Prefer 2 nd Most P	Prefer 3 rd Most Prefer						
12.	Please provide recommendations on ad information to your household.	ditional ways the City of Doral can communicate news a	nd -					
13.	From the following list, please check ALL to of Doral.	the languages you prefer to receive information from the C	- ity					
	(1) English	(4) Portuguese						
	(2) Spanish (3) Creole	(5) Other:						
14. 1	How important of an issue do you feel it is only for children with special needs?	s to have more public schools in the City of Doral offer class	ses					
-	(1) Very important	(3) Not sure						
-	(2) Important	(4) Not important						
15. F	From the following list, which ONE school	is closest to your residence?						
	(01) Doral Academy (02) Renaissance Elem. Charter Schologo (03) Renaissance Middle Charter Schologo (04) Doral Academy Charter Middle Schologo (04)	(06) Doral Academy Charter High School (07) John I. Smith K-8 th Grade (08) Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 th Grade						
_	(05) Eugena B. Thomas K-8 th Grade	(10) Devine Savior Lutheran Academy						

F YOU DO NOT HAVE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS THE SURVEY IS COMPLETE.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY IN THE POSTAGE PAID RETURN ENVELOPE

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY

PLEASE CONTINUE THE SURVEY IF YOU HAVE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

16.	The City of Doral provides recreation programs for children with "special needs". Do any children in your household participate in City of Doral programs for children with "special needs"? (1) Yes(2) No						
17.	From the following list, please check ALL the "special needs" programs that children in your household have participated in the past 2 years.						
	(1) Special Olympics(4) Tiny Athletes Program						
	(2) Feel the Beat! Dance Program(5) Little ELITES program						
	(3) Afterschool Educational Series						
18.	Overall how satisfied are you with the "special needs" programs provided by the City of Doral that						
	members of your household have participated?						
	(1) Very satisfied (4) Dissatisfied						
	(2) Satisfied (5) Very Dissatisfied						
	(3) Neutral						
19.	From the following list, please check ALL the reasons that members of your household do not						
	participate in "special needs" programs or members do not participate in "more programs".						
	(1) Did not know the City of Doral offered "special needs" programs						
	(2) Times of programs are not convenient						
	(3) Locations of programs are too far away						
	(4) Fees are too high						
	(5) Do not offer "special needs" programs of interest to our household						
	(6) Instructors are not well trained						
	(7) Do not offer "special needs" programs for ages of participants appropriate for our household						
	(8) Other:						
20.	The City of Doral has primarily provided "special needs" programs to younger children. The City is						
	considering offering programs to other age groups. From the following list, please check ALL the ages						
	you would recommend the City offer "special needs" programming.						
	(1) Young children under 10						
	(2) Children ages 10 to 18 years of age						
	(3) Adults ages 19 to 34 years of age						
	(4) Adults ages 35 to 54 years of age						
	(5) Adults 55 years of age and older						

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21.	Following is a listing of programs that the City of Doral either currently offers or could offer to YOUTH,							
	ADULTS OR SENIOR ADUL	TS with "special needs"	. Please check ALL the "special needs" programs					
	members of your househo	ld would participate in if	f they were offered by the City of Doral.					
	(01) Baseball and soft	:ball games	(12) Basketball games/training					
	(02) Open swim		(13) Fitness and exercise programs					
	(03) Swimming lessor	ns	(14) Teen programs					
	(04) Water exercise		(15) Trips					
	(05) Bowling		(16) After school programs					
	(06) Early childhood p	programs	(17) Young adult and adult social clubs					
	(07) Golf programs		(18) Music lessons					
	(08) Soccer games/tra	aining	(19) Craft and arts lessons					
	(09) Co-rec volleyball		(20) Summer day camps					
	(10) Yoga		(21) Tennis					
	(11) Parents night out	t	(22) Bike riding					
			(23) Other:					
22.	Which THREE programs in	Question #21 would r	nembers of your household "with special needs"					
	participate in most often?	[Write the numbers belo	ow for your 1st, 2 nd , and 3 rd choices].					
	1 st Most Often	2 nd Most Often	3 rd Most Often					

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY

WORLD MUSIC & ME Inclusive Music Program

This program will provide an opportunity for participants of all abilities to learn basic musical concepts at an introductory level, and to play real instruments in a fun and supportive environment. Concepts covered will include: rhythm, tempo, melody, pitch, dynamics, timbre, and lyrics.

Session 1: September 4 - September 27

Session 2: October 2 - October 25 Session 3: November 6 - December 4 No class Thursday, November 22, 2018

Four Week Session Fee:

Resident: \$45 Non-Resident: \$55 **Tuesdays & Thursdays**

Ages 6 - 8 years old 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ages 9 - 11 years old 6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

No prior music experience required. Registration is open to children with and without disabilities.

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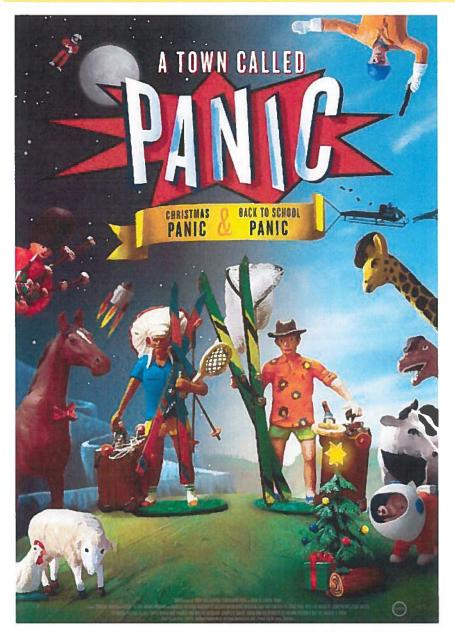
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Inclusive Sensory Friendly

Family Showing & Resource Fair



Join us at the Coral Gables Art Cinema for a Sensory Friendly showing of A Town Called Panic: Double Fun, which revels in the simple setup of three plasticine toys sent on increasingly surreal and freewheeling adventures.

Saturday September 22, 2018 10:00 a.m.

This event is a family friendly event for all ages and will feature a mini resource fair prior to and after the showing.

Event includes: Popcorn & small drink. The Cinema auditorium will have lights turned slightly up and the sound turned slightly down. A quiet space and headphones will be made available as needed.

Limited seating available. Register in advance at the War Memorial Youth Center or online at www.playgables.com to get your complimentary tickets! For additional information call 305-460-5344.

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