

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
Communication Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room
405 University Drive
Coral Gables, FL

| MEMBERS | D | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | COMMISSIONERS |
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| Sandra Gonzalez-Levy | | | | P | P | P | | | | | | | | Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli |
| Tina Sayago | * | * | R | | | | + | * | * | P | P | P | P | |
| Derrek Space | * | * | P | P | P | P | + | * | * | P | P | A | P | Vice Mayor Pat Keon |
| Alexandra Pantin | * | * | P | P | E | A | + | * | * | P | P | E | A | Commissioner Vince Lago |
| Connie Crowther | * | * | P | P | P | P | + | * | * | P | P | P | P | Vice Mayor Frank Quesada |
| TJ Villamil | * | * | P | E | E | P | + | * | * | P | P | P | P | Commissioner Michael Mena |

A = Absent
E = Excused Absence
P = Present
R = Resigned
* = No Meeting
+ = No Quorum

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Maria Rosa Higgins Fallon, Public Affairs
Michael Rocha, CGTV
Shakira Molet, CGTV
Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

After achieving a quorum, the meeting began at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Derrek Space made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2018 meeting. Mr. TJ Villamil seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Art Program

Ms. Catherine Cathers from the Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Department joined the meeting to talk about Art in Public Places in Coral Gables. She kicked off the meeting by explaining what the department does and the process of bringing artwork to the city.

Mr. Derrick Space asked for specifics on prices and funding of these projects.

Chairperson Sandra Gonzalez-Levy asked about maintenance and the acceptance of donations.

Mr. TJ Villamil asked if the City of Coral Gables follows the example/programs of other cities.

Ms. Cathers answered all questions regarding these topics. She continued the discussion by going over the recent projects, such as the sofa art installation in Balboa Plaza, the permanent marble sculptures in Giralda Plaza, and the hanging speech bubbles over Miracle Mile as well as the matching speech bubble benches in four locations around the city. Ms. Cathers voiced her goal of wanting to maintain a good relationship with local and international art organizations.

Chairperson Gonzalez-Levy questioned if Ms. Cathers would consider hiring an intern. Both exchanged contact information and agreed to discuss this possibility at a later time.

Chairperson Gonzalez-Levy asked about the new Sunlit Sky project coming to Giralda. Ms. Higgins Fallon explained that Economic Development is in charge of this specific project and provided the approximate date of completion. She also stated that CGTV will assist with marketing on social media.

Ms. Cathers wrapped up her presentation by briefly going over future City projects, such as the public safety building, the Merrick Park Hotel and others. She shared her contact information with the rest of the committee members.

With no further business to discuss on this topic, Ms. Cathers left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Report on Public Affairs

Ms. Higgins Fallon provided a brief overview on past holiday events. She highlighted the opening of the Coral Gables Merrick House and provided some information about its renovation. Ms. Higgins Fallon distributed the latest copy of e-News and mentioned the upcoming event called "Santa Around Town." She also talked about the groundbreaking of the public safety building and how CGTV will be assisting in planning the event.

Ms. Connie Crowther mentioned the time capsule located at the current public safety building and how it will be moved to the new building.

Chairperson Gonzalez-Levy asked when the building will be finished, to which Ms. Higgins Fallon responded by giving 2020 as an estimate.

Mr. Michael Rocha discussed CGTV projects and coverage on holiday events, such as the tree lighting ceremony. He showed a Facebook live of the Holiday Spectacular event.

Ms. Higgins Fallon brought up the retirement of Walter Foeman as City Clerk.

Mr. Space requested information on the Board and Committees end of the year party.

Mr. Villamil asked about the status on the annexation of Little Gables. Ms. Higgins Fallon provided a brief update but will find out more information for him.

With no further issues to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.