

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2018

5:00 PM

City Hall, Commission Chambers

### City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee

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*Chairperson Sarah Artecona*  
*Vice Chairperson Belinda Sime*  
*Board Member Erick Fernandez*  
*Board Member Patricia Fuller*  
*Board Member Elisabeth Gallagher*  
*Board Member Philip Kates*  
*Board Member David Rivero*  
*Board Member Frank Rosell*  
*Board Member Dr. Patricia Whitely*  
*Board Member Interfraternity Council President*  
*Board Member Student Government President*

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Artecona, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Sime and Board Member Welsh

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Kates and Board Member Rosell

**Excused:** 3 - Board Member Government President, Board Member Whitely and Board Member Council President

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

18-7384

City of Coral Gables / University of Miami Community Relations Committee  
Minutes of March 5, 2018

**A motion was made by Board Member Fernandez, seconded by Board Member Rivero, that this matter be approved. The motion passed by the following vote.**

**Yeas:** 6 - Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Artecona, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Sime, Board Member Welsh and Board Member Kallergis

**Absent:** 2 - Board Member Kates and Board Member Rosell

**Excused:** 3 - Board Member Government President, Board Member Whitely and Board Member Council President

## PUBLIC HEARING

### Update on the University's Events, Sarah Artecona

There were 3,000 parking spaces utilized on Campus for the 4th of July event. The University's Police Department and security were present at the event.

A reminder postcard was sent to University neighbors prior to the commencement of the new school year.

Frost Music Live! was held September 16, 2018. Four free tickets for City residents were offered. On October 1, 2018, The University of Miami Women's and Gender Studies Presents Rosa Clemente, From Moments to Movements: The Power of Community Activism and Organizing event was held. The MBS Dean's Distinguished Leaders Lecture Series, Reinventing Sesame Street for Today's Children, was held on October 10, 2018. The Northern Trust Lecture Series, Is the American Dream Out of Reach?, was held October 15, 2018.

A Leadership UMiami Program was held September 29, 2018 which focused on exploring concepts related to democracy and social change.

Fall recess begins October 18, 2018 and ends on October 21, 2018.

Homecoming begins October 31, 2018. Hurricane Howl will be November 2, 2018, which includes food trucks, a block party, parade and fireworks. Coral Gables Day will be November 3, 2018 and tickets are Buy One, Get One Free. It will be the Homecoming Football game versus Duke University.

The Annual Development Agreement meeting will be held on November 7, 2018.

Thanksgiving recess begins November 17, 2018 and ends on November 25, 2018. Classes end December 4, 2018. Commencement for all degrees will be held December 13, 2018.

The Well 'Canes Marketplace Farmer's Market will be held on Wednesdays at the Foote Green and Fridays at the Lennar Foundation Medical Center.

The 68th Annual Beaux Arts Festival of Art will be held on January 12-13, 2019.

#### **Update by the University's Interfraternity Council President**

The Interfraternity Council President, Douglas Corsi, was Excused from the meeting due to a University event.

#### **Update on the University's Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral**

The 2018 Mobility Plan was submitted to the City on June 1, 2018. Mobility strategies such as bikes, shuttles and car sharing continue to keep traffic at a steady level. The number of parking permits sold has declined. The Hurry'Canes shuttle transports approximately 700,000 riders yearly. The color parking program has reduced the number of drivers who drive around the Campus searching for parking.

The Regional Traffic Study, Utility Report, Parking Report and UCD Annual Report were all submitted to the City on June 1, 2018. Parking demand has declined and utilization is approximately 81% at peak times. The Utility Report confirms sewer and water capacity is sufficient and will support the Campus through the year 2025. The Annual Report outlines construction

changes to the Campus and completed projects such as, the Nursing School Simulation Hospital, the Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building, the Internal Road Phase II and Pisano Street improvements.

The Internal Road Phase II project added green space at the arboretum, a wide multi-use path, landscaping and re-designed parking spaces. Parking lots interconnect at three sections. A new service road behind the Physics Building was also part of the project.

There is a Student Housing project under construction. Future projects include a Counseling and Academic Resource Center, a rehearsal hall, batting cages, rework at the intramural fields, relocate the greenhouse, and the Frost Institute of Chemistry and Molecular Science. Student Housing Phase II will involve the demolition of the four Hecht-Stanford towers and replacing them with new buildings.

The University purchased 6500 Red Road. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2018 at Casa Bacardi. Decisions haven't been made on which offices or programs will be located at this location.

Parking fees are now enforced in the evenings and weekends on Campus. Pay stations are located throughout the Campus.

**Update by the University's Police Department, Chief David A. Rivero**

Crime numbers are lower and are remaining stable between last year and this year. Distracted walking is a major safety concern.

The University's Police Department is working closely with Student Government in encouraging students to participate in safety awareness events. The October 16, 2018 Florida Department of Transportation Event will include participation from officers from the Coral Gables Police Department along with officers from different municipalities. Florida Highway Patrol will discuss mobility safety. The Coral Gables Fire Department will also be an event participant. On October 17, 2018 the Night with a First Responder event will take place. This is more of a social event, which includes food and beverages. Students will receive credit for participating.

The Dry Event will be held on November 29, 2018. This event teaches students how to have fun without drugs and alcohol.

**Update by the University's President of Student Affairs, Dr. Patricia A. Whitely**

Dr. Patricia Whitely was Excused from the meeting due to a University event. Gilbert Arias provided an update on her behalf.

The Fall Semester has started on a positive note; with the exception of the untimely loss of three students. This has impacted the Campus and counseling to the students and to their families has been available.

The Living In Miami-Dade County flyer was distributed to all County students for the first time. The flyer provides information on Coral Gables' regulations on noise, parking, garbage, etc. They continue to work closely with the Code Enforcement Division to ensure students are following the City's and County regulations.

The University provided 75 buses to transport students to the Canes vs. Seminoles Football game. There were 110 buses that brought students back to the Campus after the game.

#### **Update by the University's Student Government President**

The Student Government President, Evan de Joya, was Excused from the meeting due to a University event. Mr. de Joya provided a written update that was read by the Committee's Liaison.

There are now twenty-two free feminine hygiene dispensers located in the public bathrooms throughout the Campus. Dining and Auxiliary Services are using compostable straws, napkins and takeout containers at all non-Campus dining locations.

On August 28, 2018, the new University Chapter of the NAACP held its first meeting.

On October 13, 2018, the Butler Center for Service and Leadership led over 800 students on a day of service at multiple sites around Miami.

On October 24, 2018, the Food Sustainability Event will be held at the University Center at 11:00 am.

October 26, 2018 through November 3, 2018 will be Homecoming Week. On November 2, 2018, Hurricane Howl will include the Boat Burning Ceremony and Fireworks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Report Review**

The 2017-18 Annual Report was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Members.

**Yearly Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson**

Sarah Artecona was unanimously voted to be the Committee's Chairperson.

Belinda Sime was unanimously voted to be the Committee's Vice-chairperson.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was a discussion on the lack of quorum the Committee has been experiencing due to Member absenteeism to the bi-yearly meetings. The lack of public participation was also discussed. The Members requested this information be relayed to the Commission and to the City Manager's office.

The Members expressed concern on signs that have been removed due to an accident, that were faded and/or due to bad weather that have not been replaced throughout the surrounding Campus areas.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.