

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 16, 2018

8:15 AM

The Board meets the third Friday of every month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

@8:25am

ROLL CALL

Kirk Menedez-Present

Carlos Hernandez- Present

Nancy Leslie-Present

Felix Pardo-Present

Charlie Rua-Present

Debbie Swain-Present

Desmond Gonzalez-Absent

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Carlos Hernandez motioned to approve minutes this was seconded by Debbie Swain, the board voted in favor unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fred began his report with a capital project update:

Master Plan Update: The project will not only consist of a Parks master plan as well as a Youth Center master plan. Currently the project is beginning the procurement process to select a master plan vendor the steering committee will consist of City Staff and Felix Pardo from the Parks Advisory Board.

Renovation of Gymnastics Room: Procurement has received one bid for the project, which will completely renovate the Gymnastics are, updating the spring flooring and carpeting. Also replacing all of the equipment in the gym.

Outdoor/Indoor Playground: Project should begin in the next couple of weeks and procurement with new procedures has fast tracked the project.

Fitness Trail: Project has been held up due to damage to sidewalks and permitting issues.

Kerdyk Park Playground: Community meeting has been completed and a playground has been selected. The community selected a playground that has a built in shade which is attached to the structure, the project manager has been informed and will begin the process to get the project completed.

5 passive parks update: This project is in the final stages of design and integration a of playground units into the design. Fred also explained that City staff has already begun a "dry run" of designs through the building and zoning department.

Kerdyk Tennis Center: This project will be entering phase 2, the building structure will be renovated and altered. This project will begin within the next month.

In ending his discussion on capital Director Couceyro told the board that the department was beginning the early phase of the budget process and he would welcom any recommendations for new needs or comments regading

the FY18 budget.

Special Events Update:

Carnival on the Mile: Event went well with minimal damage to streetscape.

Egg Hunt: This event will remain the same as it was last year, the City is not advertising the event.

Farmer's Market: The market is coming to an end. Overall it has been a great season.

April Pools Day: The City of Coral Gables teams up with the Miami Heat basketball team, this event entails a mini swim lesson. This year they will be inviting Crystal Academy in order to provide an inclusive swim lesson.

DISCUSSION ON PARK NAMING

Fred brought before the board an application for the naming of the proposed triangular park directly in front of the Venetian Pool, after debate and some information and discussion regarding Miss Lemar Louise Curry, the board overall believed there is no other more deserving based on service and legacy to have the space named after her.

Felix Pardo motioned to name the open space Miss Lemar Louise Curry Park. This was seconded by Deborah Swain and was voted in unanimously by the board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

-Carlos Hernandez brought up the topic of parking at the Venetian Pool, staff explained that the rear parking lot is being expanded for staff parking which will provide more parking for guests at the front of the facility. Also staff explained they have the Salvadore park parking option which staff can be transported. Also due to the increase in price City staff has noticed a massive drop off in non-resident guests who are entering the Venetian Pool in the summer months.

-Staff explained that they ran active shooter training and also reviewed the volunteer handbook with all the coaching staff at the Youth Center.

-Carlos Hernandez brought up the topic of the Granada Golf course being used for other activities besides golf. The possibility of Golf ranger for enforcement is a possible option, also eventually the City would like to install a surveillance system for the golf course.

-MEETING DATE CHANGE:

After discussion regarding scheduling of several board members, Felix Pardo motioned to approve the meeting to be moved to the first thursday monthly @ 8:15am. This was seconded by Carlos Hernandez and voted in favor unanimously by the board.

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Date & Time of next meeting:

April 5th, 2018 @ 8:15am

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE