

CITY OF CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2019 8:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J 19	F 19	M 19	A 19	M 19	J 19	J 19	A 19	S 19	O 19	N 19	D 19	APPOINTED BY:
Blake Sando	*	P	P	P									Vince Lago
Shedrick Boren	*	P	P	-									Mayor Raul Fauli-Valdes
Mary Palacio-Pike	*	P	P	P									Patricia Keon
Richard Whittington	*	P	P	E									Frank C. Quesada
Marie-Ilene Whitehurst	*	P	P	P									Michael Mena

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

1. Raquel Elejabarrieta – Labor Relations & Risk Management
2. Egllys Hernandez – Labor Relations & Risk Management

STAFF GUEST:

Erica Kofkin – Parks & Recreation

CITIZEN ADVISORS:

Bonnie Blaire
Debbie Dietz

PUBLIC GUEST:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 8:06am

MEETING ABSENCE:

Shedrick Boren
Dr. Richard Whittington

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

March 6, 2019

Motion by: Marie-Ilene Whitehurst / 2nd: Mary Palacio-Pike / All approved unanimously

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Raquel Elejabarrieta – Resignation of Board member Mr. Shedrick Boren

Ms. Elejabarrieta advised Board regarding Mr. Shedrick Boren's resignation via email. Ms. Elejabarrieta was asked regarding procedure in place to assure a new member is appointed as soon as possible. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised the Commission member whose Board member resigns is the one who will select replacement. Mr. Sando advised Board to feel free to contact the Commission with any suggestions regarding a possible new Board member.

Mr. Blake Sando – Distribution & Review Information Special Needs & Social Services – City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center

Copies of email (Exhibit 1) provided by Mr. Manuel Guerrero, Adult Activity Assistant Supervisor – Coral Gables Adult Activity Center advising detailed information regarding services being provided at center was distributed to all members and same was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Raquel Elejabarrieta & Ms. Ericka Kofkin - A CITY FOR ALL AWARD APPLICATION:

Board was given copy of application (Exhibit 2) which will be utilized during the nomination process for the Business Awards program. Board members expressed concern of current set up of application and suggestions were made regarding possible changes. It was determined it would be best to further discuss at next Board meeting.

Ms. Raquel Elejabarrieta – 2019 Adventure For All Event

Board was advised date for upcoming 2019 Adventure for All Event to be Saturday, October 12, 2019. Ms. Elejabarrieta advised Board should commence thinking of possible participants and any other ideas for this event.

Ms. Debbie Dietz – Supper Club – Update

Ms. Dietz advised Board number of participants has increased with the assistance of other entities who have shared their information with their patrons.

Ms. Bonnie Blaire – Social Club - Update

Ms. Blaire provided update to Board regarding Social Club. Ms. Blaire advised they are working on bringing in various resources at future meetings such as a visit from therapy dogs and the possibility of commencing a parent support group as well.

Ms. Mary Palacio-Pike – advised Board of upcoming Nintendo SMASH Brothers competition which is geared toward young adults with disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEXT MEETING:

May 1, 2019

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am

EXHIBIT 1

Hernandez, Eglys

From: Blake S. Sando <Blake.Sando@csklegal.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:33 PM
To: Elejabarrieta, Raquel
Cc: Hernandez, Eglys
Subject: FW: Special Needs and Social Services

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From: Guerrero, Manuel <mGuerrero@coralgables.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:27 PM
To: Blake S. Sando <Blake.Sando@csklegal.com>
Cc: Desrouleaux, Fabien <fDesrouleaux@coralgables.com>
Subject: Special Needs and Social Services

Good afternoon-

Here is a list of programs offered at the City of Coral Gables Adult Activity Center that serve the adult-disability population

Social Services:

- MS news and views group - Facilitator Jennifer Falk, MSW. Those living with MS as well as caretakers are welcome to these monthly educational and supportive workshops. Meets every 1st Thursday at 6pm.
- Hearing Loss Support Group, Miami Chapter - Meets every 2nd Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. No Registration Required.
- Social Club for Adults with Disabilities - An evening of fun! Activities include games, movies, music, and more. Caregivers, parents, or personal assistants are welcome. Meets every 1st Thursday of each month. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fitness and Wellness:

- Chair Tai Chi - Is a gentle exercise program to help people receive the benefits of traditional Tai Chi in the comfort and safety of their chair. This allows people who cannot stand or do not feel confident with their balance (walker, wheelchair, movement disorder) to participate and benefit. Those benefits include balance, flexibility, range of motion, strength, energy, pain relief, tranquility, stress reduction, and peace of mind. This program is on Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Residents.....\$12.60
Non-Residents.....\$15.75
- Boccia - Is a precision ball sport originally practiced as an activity for individuals with cerebral palsy, but is now played by athletes with other disabilities affecting motor skills. Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Please feel free to reach out if you need anything further.

Regards,

Manuel Guerrero, Adult Activity Assistant Supervisor
Adult Activity Center (50+)

www.gablesrecreation.com

It Starts In Parks

To enhance the quality of life for residents and guests, the Gables Recreation and Instructional Department features and events that create memorable life experiences.

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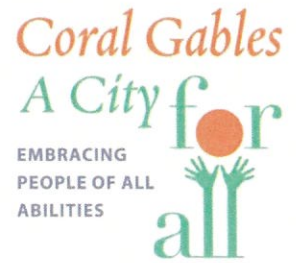
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EXHIBIT 2



City of Coral Gables
COMMUNITY RECREATION
Special Populations Division



A City for All Award Application

The City of Coral Gables, in collaboration with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the City's Disability Affairs Board will identify and reward local business that exemplify inclusive and accessible practices. The award process will engage the community in the selection process through social media voting, in order to and spread awareness of the City's Principals of Inclusion. The City for All Award will inspire businesses to welcome and facilitate participation by those with disabilities and encourage accommodations beyond the minimum required by law.

Selection Process

1. Complete an application online at (www) or pick up in person from (location)
 - Community members can nominate a business in Coral Gables that has been exceptionally inclusive or accessible to patrons with disabilities
 - Businesses in Coral Gables that are taking steps to prioritize inclusion and accessibility can apply directly
 - The application is the same for either scenario
2. All applications will be reviewed by a diverse panel of advocates for inclusion, who will identify a list of finalists (the number of finalists selected will be determined by the panel, based on the applications submitted).
3. Finalists will be presented to the community across the City's social media platforms, and open to public voting for a period of one week.

The winning Business will be honored in the following ways:

- Recognition by the City Commission
- Recognition by the Chamber of Commerce
- Presentation of an award to display in the business
- A featured video to play on Coral Gables TV and shared through social media

Submit Applications to:

Ericka Kofkin via email, mail, or drop off in person
ada@coralgables.com
405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33134



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1. Name of Business: _____
2. Business Address: _____
3. Point of contact (Name, phone number, email address): _____
4. Type of Business:
 - ☐ Retail
 - ☐ Office / Co-Working Space
 - ☐ Restaurant / Catering
 - ☐ Medical
 - ☐ Entertainment
 - ☐ Recreation
 - ☐ Hotel
 - ☐ Other (specify): _____

Some businesses might be more inclusive or accessible than they realize. Below is a list of many accessible business practices that might already be in place. This list is far from exhaustive and compiled only as a starting place for inspiration while working through the remainder of this application. Every business serves a unique purpose, not every suggestion will be relevant or applicable, and limitless possibilities exist. This list is designed to help in answering the questions to follow.

- ☐ Physical accessibility such as ramps, signs, elevators in working order, visual and auditory alerts for announcements and emergencies.
- ☐ Availability of written materials in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, or picture based
- ☐ Restrooms to meet diverse needs: family restrooms, safe/clean/private space to change or tend to the personal care needs of an individual who exceeds the capacity of a traditional changing table
- ☐ Technology such as captioning, video relay, assistive listening devices, loop system, or descriptive audio devices
- ☐ Websites and apps that are accessible to screen readers, up to date with current information, offer multiple ways to contact the business
- ☐ Trainings or in-services provided to employees on topics such as service animals, food allergies, or other sensitivity training
- ☐ Does the business exceed the minimum standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act? Or plan to in the future?
- ☐ Mobility devices such as wheelchairs, scooters, and Caroline Carts available, in working order, and easy to obtain?

- ☐ Counters and payment terminals that are accessible to people of varying heights
- ☐ Is there a quiet space available, especially if the environment is busy or chaotic

Questions should be answered in the style of a short, personal narrative. Include personal stories, inspiring patrons, anecdotes, and other lessons learned along the way. Please remember to protect the privacy of any story subjects by removing/changing all names and other identifiable information.

5. How would you rate your company's current accessibility efforts?
 - ☐ Very Accessible: Proud
 - ☐ Somewhat Accessible: Working on it
 - ☐ Unsure
 - ☐ Would like to be more accessible
6. How is this business demonstrating exemplary inclusion and accessibility? Describe a few specific examples.
7. Describe any opportunities for people with disabilities to make choices, experience independence, and express autonomy while interacting with the nominated business.
8. Describe any challenges faced in creating an inclusive and accessible business environment, and how they were overcome.
9. Identify one creative idea to further inclusion and accessibility within the nominated business.
10. Please attach any pictures, videos, or relevant info you would like to share.

