

City of Coral Gables

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

6:30 PM

The board meets the first Wednesday of the month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL
Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

at 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL

Present:

**Alec Schneider
Kirk Menendez, Jr.
Gabriella Toyos
Mihir Pabby
Natalie Gonzalez**

Absent:

Samantha Simpson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Alec Schneider made a motion to approve last meetings minutes. Motion was second by Mahir Pabby and passed unanimously by the board.

I. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Community Recreation Director Fred Couceyro began the meeting with welcoming the board back after a long period of not having met due to COVID-19. He then went over the Robert's Rules of Order on how to conduct official board meetings. Quorum needs to be met in order to conduct the meeting, pass motions and approve items presented to the board. The advisory board is meant to provide the Community Recreation department and Commission advice on what the board believes to be current for their age demographic. Fred would like to bring the Board projects for the board's approval. We rely on the board's motions of approval or disapproval to help gear projects in the right direction of what the community would like.

The board was asked to elect a new Chairperson to lead the board in future discussions. Kirk Menendez Jr. nominated himself for the Chairperson position.

Mahir Pabby made the motioned to elect Kirk Menendez Jr. as the new acting Chair of the Youth Advisory Board. The motion was second by Gabriella Toyos. Board approved and the motion passed unanimously.

The board will need to recommend and vote in a Board-As-A-Whole member. Fred asked that board members send any potential candidate's information and resumes to Sarah in order to present at the next board meeting for a selection.

Newly appointed Chairperson Kirk, lead the meeting with roll call and approval of minutes. Fred gave a brief explanation to the purpose of submitting minutes to the Commission.

Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo continued the meeting by giving a summary of Youth Center current events and upcoming programming.

The Youth Center, fitness center and field have been closed to the public. The Youth Center did open up for a limited 8-week summer care program with CDC restrictions but was cut down to 4 weeks due to spikes in COVID case numbers in South Florida. We have been offering virtual programming. Carlos explained the virtual classes that have been given with Ms. Farah on Fridays. He then went over the Youth Center's Virtual Camp kits that are being created and sent to campers for a small fee with activities for each day of the week. The camper will get to go over what activities they have done

and talk with fellow campers in a Zoom session with counselors once per day.

Carlos also notified the board that a variety of skills and drills clinics will be offered in the Fall for athletics and with approval, a virtual Study Hall will be offered for residents during the school day for children of parents who work.

We asked for the Board to help come up with new ideas for potential virtual programs and to help share our existing programs with children they think would benefit from participating in. Fred asked that each board member come to the next scheduled meeting with a new idea. No idea is a bad idea.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No new discussion items were brought up for group discussion.

III. ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 2nd, 2020 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 6:57pm

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