

# **City of Coral Gables**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 5, 2018**

**5:00 PM**

**City Hall, Commission Chambers**

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

*Chairperson Wendy Kallergis  
Vice Chairperson Erick Fernandez  
Board Member Sarah N. Artecona  
Board Member Douglas Corsi  
Board Member Philip C. Kates  
Board Member Adrian Nunez  
Board Member David A. Rivero  
Board Member Frank Rosell  
Board Member Belinda Sime  
Board Member Judith Welsh  
Board Member Patricia A. Whitely*

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

## ROLL CALL

Evan De Joya was present and is the President-elect for Student Government.

**Present:** 4 - Board Member Kallergis, Board Member Fernandez, Board Member Artecona and Board Member Sime

**Absent:** 4 - Board Member Kates, Board Member Rivero, Board Member Rosell and Board Member Welsh

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Government President and Board Member Whitely

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Update on University of Miami Planning & Construction Initiatives, Alicia Corral

The Internal Road Phase II construction is complete. A service road behind the Physics Building now connects parking lots to the East of the Arboretum. Additional green space was allocated to the Arboretum. Parking lots interconnect three sections and one access point to Pisano has been eliminated. Neighbors are pleased with the landscaping at Brunson and Wilder.

\$250,000 to the City for public realm improvements is to be decided in accordance with the input from the neighboring areas, the City and the University. The City's input on this matter is pending.

The University's mobility strategies, which include bikes, car sharing and parking management, continue to decrease traffic in the residential areas of the Campus. The Spring 2016 and 2017 reports indicate overall traffic remains steady.

The current projects under construction are a Football Indoor Practice Facility, Student Housing and The Thomas P. Murphy Design Studio Building.

The Annual Report, Regional Traffic Study Report, Parking Report, Utility Report and the 2017 Mobility Plan will all be submitted to the City June 1, 2018.

Future projects are a Counseling Center, a Science Building and a Music Building.

**Update on University of Miami Events, Sarah Artecona**

The CollegeTown Newsletter is distributed electronically on a weekly basis to neighbors.

The University posts all events on their website's calendar.

The Office of Emergency Management is hosting an emergency response exercise in collaboration with the University's Police Department, the City's Police Department and the City's Fire Department. The event will be held March 18, 2018 at the Alex Rodriguez Park at Mark Light Field. Letters have been mailed to the University's surrounding neighbors and community.

Baseball Season is underway with games scheduled at the Alex Rodriguez Park at Mark Light Field.

On March 11 - 12, 2018 the Men and Women's Basketball tournament selection watch parties will be held at the Rathskeller.

Spring break for the University begins March 10, 2018 and ends March 18, 2018.

Several events will be held:

March 20, 2018, Frost Horns and Friends - Film Music Through The Centuries

April 10, 2018, Mindfulness Workshop -The Sound of The Bell

April 20, 2018, Jodi Levitz - Romantic Works for Viola (Gables residents Code: 4LIVEMUSIC)

May 2, 2018, UMiami Health Talk - Dr. Ralph Sacco, Chairman of the Department of Neurology.

Commencement will be held May 10 and 11, 2018. Speakers include Mario Vargas Llosa, Sir James Galway and Desmond Mpilo Tutu (represented by his daughter Naomi Nontombi Tutu).

The Football Indoor Practice Facility has a projected opening date of August 1, 2018.

Follow the University via [www.instagram.com/umneighbors](https://www.instagram.com/umneighbors)

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

Gilbert Arias gave an update on behalf of Dr. Whitely.

The Living in Coral Gables & South Miami Newsletter was electronically distributed to students at the beginning of the Spring Semester. The Newsletter welcomes students, informs students living on and off campus that they are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner, provides parking rules, noise, grounds maintenance and visitor regulations.

The Student Affairs Office continues to work closely with the City's Code Enforcement Department and contacts students if/when code violations occur.

The Alternative Spring Break Program has become popular. The University sends students throughout the country to volunteer and learn about social justice issues, children and animal rights issues as well as environmental issues.

#### **Update by Interfraternity Council, Douglas Corsi**

The Chapter participated in the S.E. InterFraternity Council Conference held in Atlanta. They outlined goals, discussed ways to improve and encouraged growth as men.

Presidents from different Councils are meeting every two weeks.

The Walk In Her Shoes Event will be held April 12, 2018 to increase awareness regarding sexual harassment and equality. The Chapter has continuous and good rapport with the University's Sororities.

They continue to recruit and challenge men to join Greek Life. In the Spring, there will be an informational session before a Bar-B-Q for potential new members. There will be a charge to rush in order to keep track of the students participating.

There are new rules for tailgating. Working with the University to keep all E-Boards involved and reach a solution by the end of the year. Encouraging everyone to attend the Spring Football game.

Third-party locations are being used for social events.

The goal of raising \$50,000 for donation was exceeded.

#### **Update by Student Government, Adrian Nunez**

Evan De Joya, the newly President-elect gave the update.

Mr. De Joya expressed his gratitude to the Commission for the opportunity this Committee provides the students to directly connect with the community.

The new Overpass was dedicated in November and the student body is thankful this crossing provides availability to them and the surrounding community to safely travel back and forth. They are grateful to all parties that collaborated to bring this student-led initiative to fruition.

Eco-friendly initiatives including shuttle routes are being explored to help alleviate traffic and parking permit purchases. The University has installed solar phone charging umbrellas throughout the Campus.

Students are encouraged to register to vote. Voter Guides will be made available.

On February 3, 2018, The Butler Center for Service and Leadership hosted its 35th Annual FunDay. 350 adults with developmental and/or intellectual challenges were paired with 450 University students. The activities included arts and crafts and a petting zoo. The goal is to promote respect and inclusivity.

The student body has 27 alumni from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. A vigil was held February 20, 2018 for the victims of the tragedy that occurred February 14, 2018.

50 students participated in the Annual Art Sea Event held at Virginia Key. Students work with local school children. Discussions and science themed activities are held that teach discoveries in marine science and inspire a love for the ocean.

#### **Re-election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson**

Wendy Kallergis was unanimously elected as Chairperson for the Committee.

Erick Fernandez was unanimously elected as Vice-chair for the Committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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City staff continues to work closely with University staff to recertify (Building Recertification) the different buildings throughout the Campus.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.