

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SCRC)**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Friday, September 20, 2019**

**Coral Gables Planning Dept., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**427 Biltmore Way**  
**Coral Gables, Florida**

MEMBERS	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	APPOINTED BY
Ariel Fernandez	A	-	P	P									Mayor Valdes-Fauli
Samuel Joseph	P	-	P	P									Vice Mayor Lago
Mary Snow	P	-	P	P									Commissioner Fors
Erin Anding	P	-	P	P									Commissioner Keon
Carmen Cartaya	P	-	P	P									Commissioner Mena
Sandy Dimitris	P	-	P	P									City Manager Iglesias
Theresa Rice	P	-	A	A									Commission-as-a-whole

A = Absent  
E = Excused Absence  
P = Present  
- = No meeting

**STAFF:** Solanch Lopez – Acting Staff Liaison, City Manager Peter Iglesias

**GUESTS:** Angela Rendon, Lisa Senior, David Williams Jr., Sarah Knight, Iraidia Mendez-Cartaya, Sharon Walso, Enrique Bernal, Aleida Martinez-Molina, Jennifer Deroda, Mari Tere-Roja, Ivannia VanArman and Beatrice Rangel.

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*The following represents a summary of the items discussed during the Committee meeting.*

**-MEETING AGENDA -**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM.

**II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

All members were in attendance except Theresa Rice. Carmen Cartaya attended over the phone. A quorum was present at 9:00AM. August meeting minutes were approved. Ariel Fernandez motioned approval, Sandy Dimitris seconded.

**III. NEW BUSINESS – Part 1**

**A. SNI: Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Clubhouse Project- Sarah Knight**

-From research, there are 18 Clubhouses in the country.

- Clubhouse hours would be 9AM-3PM.
- Not called patients, called members in order to follow the concept that they are no longer in a hospital but in the community trying to re-integrate.
- Membership is for a lifetime.
- Change legislation to consider brain injury as mental health in Virginia.
- 67,000 people in our community that have a brain injury.
- Cost of opening a clubhouse (in Virginia) is between 500k-350k a year. If space was provided, cost comes down.
- Possible Pilot level program through Parks and Rec.
- Goal is to not have them housed in a hospital.
- Possible partnership with Baptist or Jackson may be an idea.
- Idea would be for club members to go out into the community. (Current program owned by a friend has members going out once a week.)

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. SIP Project Member Assignments**

- Members confirmed that they would stay with their assigned projects.

##### **B. Members Goals and Wishes Review**

- Those sent in via email were read out loud for consideration.
- In relation to Financial Literacy: Have Federal Reserve contact to present to the committee for possible tours.
- Request to review resolution which created the SCRC to identify the “Community” aspect of the name.
- *Goals selected for the year as a whole:*
  1. Teacher Awards
  2. Summer Family Literacy Festival
  3. Strengthen PTA connections
- Sam Joseph motioned for a vote to confirm the three goals selected for the year by the committee. Erin Anding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS – Part 2**

##### **A. Nominations to fill empty seat**

- Lisa Senior
- Sharon Watson
- Ruth Martinez
- Cecilia Slesnick

##### **B. CG Commission Request for Committee Expansion**

- Sam wants to resubmit expansion of board to 11 members to the Commission.
- Mary makes motion to increase by 2 additional members and Sandy seconded.

##### **C. Florida City Government Week**

- Suggestion of hosting an essay contest for Middle/High School with the prize of a family 4 pack to the Venetian Pool, recognition at a City Commission Meeting and promotion through the City’s social media account.
- School District committee must review and approve the contest. Solanch will work with Iraidia to try and launch for this years FL City Week if not to have the foundation for next year.
- Committee agrees that we must get our students more engaged in civics.
- Mary volunteered to promote FL City Week initiatives through the Community Foundation.
- Mari Tere mentioned past event that took place in the Chambers with Public School students and the Mayor.
- Topics suggested: ‘What makes the City special?’, ‘What would I do if I was in charge?’.

#### **VI. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**A. Frances S. Tucker Elementary Support Plan.**

- Increase enrollment is needed. Promotion is also needed.
- Funding is not available for needed interventionists needed for small group instruction.
- We need to look into kids in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and look at our lowest 25% in order to have early intervention.
- Needs at Tucker:
  - After School Tutoring Support
  - Computer assistance
- Recently recognized National PTA School of Excellence

**B. Coral Gables Senior High**

- Questions/Concerns regarding CGSH as a hurricane shelter.
- Maintenance and Capacity Concerns.
- Two entrances resulting in long lines causing tardy students.
- Parking issues.
- Site-visit on September 30<sup>th</sup> with Mayor.
- Funding support for enrichment activities.

**C. CGSH Golf Team Accommodation Update**

- City staff met and stated that practices can be accommodated at the Granada Golf Course with the two Home games at the Biltmore.
- Awaiting confirmation from the school that they want to move forward.

**D. CG/SCRC Schools STEAM Focus/Push Update**

- Carver PTA Corresponding Secretary Ivannia VanArman in attendance mentioned possible funding by the City for help with designation and asked how to access this funding.
- This was something that was mentioned at a meeting with the Innovation Council and Solanch mentioned she would research and provide more information at the next meeting.
- School Board has submitted a proposal of \$183K to the Innovation Council to be appropriated by the City for all schools within the City to be STEAM designated.

**E. PTA Updates/Concerns**

- Carver Middle School: the principle has brought up the issue to the City regarding the apartments across the street.
- Carver Elementary Spanish I.S. program is something they are trying to launch. They need help on the school side to have final meetings with the Mexican Consulate in order to go forward with execution.
- Coral Gables Preparatory Academy mentioned issues with potholes and a crosswalk at Minorca Ave. Solanch will follow up with Public Works on both items.

**F. Announcements**

- 9/26 @ 8 a.m. – Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce’s Business & Education Committee Meeting – CGCOC Headquarters
- 9/27 @ 9-12 – City of Coral Gables Boards & Committees Ethics Seminar (mandatory for currently serving boards and committee members) – CGWMYC, Theater
- 9/30 @ 10:30 a.m. – Coral Gables Senior High School GOB Renovations Site Visit – meet in Main Office
- 10/2 @ 9 a.m. – Coral Gables Mayor’s Innovation Council Meeting – Coral Gables Museum
- 10/11 @ 4 p.m. – Coral Gables Commission Workshop – Coral Gables Senior High School Renovations Discussion – CGSH, Auditorium
- 10/12 @ 10 a.m. – City of Coral Gables presents Adventure Day for All – City Hall, Biltmore Way

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting ends at 10:22 a.m. Next SCRC meeting scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.