

# City of Coral Gables

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 2, 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 6:33pm**

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Present:**

**Samantha Simpson**

**Alec Schneider**

**Kirk Menendez, Jr.**

**Gabriella Toyos**

**Natalie Gonzalez**

### **Absent:**

**Mihir Pabby**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Kirk Menendez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August, motioned was second by Alec Schneider. Passed unanimously.**

## **I. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**Youth Center supervisor Carlos Pichardo goes over the Virtual Study Hall that is currently taking place and logistics of making it work. He then went over the Special events calendar coming up which includes a Halloween drive thru trick-o-treat. Staff members will be in costumes coming out to give candy in spooky locations around the Youth Center; possible photo shoot area to be included. Another Fall event could include a contact-less pumpkin patch in either in October or November.**

**Carlos informed the board this would be an opportunity for the board to get community service hours if they would like to volunteer for any of the events.**

**Sports to start up again; It will be in a skills and drills format. Sports to include soccer, volleyball and flag football.**

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

Director Fred Couceyro briefly explained to Kirk his new role as Chair and the responsibilities of now leading the meeting.

Fred then went over two previously discussed items that the board was asked to work on since the last board meeting. First item was to nominate a candidate for “board-as-a-whole” member. No candidates were presented. Samantha asked the criteria needed for a candidate. The candidate should be younger in grade in order to fulfill a full term on the board. Fred asked the board to please submit any candidates information to Sarah or Carlos in order to share with the rest of the board.

Second item tasked was for the board to come up with or suggest a virtual program they would enjoy seeing or participating in. Fred tasked the board with the same request and wants everyone to come up with an idea for virtual programming for the next meeting in October.

The director notified the board of the upcoming virtual community meetings for the Salvadore playground expansion and the playground replacement. We will present the design plans to the Youth Board next meeting for feedback.

## **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Kirk Menendez asked when the Youth Center fields are open for use. Carlos notified the board that they have been open since June just not for organized sport.

### **ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY**

Date of the next meeting will be Wednesday October 7th at 6:30pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

at 6:50 pm

### **NOTE**