

City of Coral Gables

405 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 16, 2021

8:30 AM

Public Participation via Zoom

Virtual Discussion Workshop via Zoom

School Community Relations Committee

Chairperson Ariel Fernandez
Vice Chairperson Sam Joseph
Board Member Erin Anding
Board Member Winnie Chang
Board Member Sandy Dimitris
Board Member Carmen Manrara Cartaya
Board Member Cecilia D. Slesnick
Board Member Mary Snow
Board Member Sharon Watson

The School Community Relations Committee will be holding a discussion workshop on Friday, April 16, 2021 VIRTUALLY, commencing 8:30 a.m., where in all interested persons may be heard via Zoom platform used by the City for live remote comments. Members of the public may join the meeting via Zoom at (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82343379165>). In addition, a dedicated phone line will be available so that any individual who does not wish (or is unable) to use Zoom may listen to and participate in the meeting by dialing: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 823 4337 9165.

To speak on an Agenda Item, please "Raise your Hand" or send a message to one of the meeting hosts using the Zoom Platform. If you joined the meeting via telephone you can "Raise your Hand" by pressing *9.

CALL TO ORDER

Workshop called to order at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Attachments: [Virtual Attendees.docx](#)

A. PUBLIC HEARING

B. NEW BUSINESS

B-1 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Update (Facilitated by Mari Tere Rojas, School Board Member)

- Due to progress within the community, School board is revisiting quarantine policies for students and staff. Looking at updating quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days.
- Robust summer program being looked at to help with learning loss caused by COVID. Saturday school also available.
- The hope is that next school year will offer 100% return to in-person. Parents also can have students attend Miami-Dade Online Academy.
- 2021 graduations featuring hybrid option – Graduations will take place from June 1 through June 9 (Guest limit -2)
- They are developing strategies to address the achievement gap.
- Board items: Wawa crosswalk brought up
- Staffing for next year looked at during last board meeting.

C. ONGOING BUSINESS

C-1 Update on the Gables Literacy Festival (Facilitated by Sam Joseph, Vice Chair)

- Name change, vendor applications will be ready next week along with marketing materials
- Event date: Saturday, May 29 at Youth Center; City closing Riviera Drive.

C-2 General Updates (Facilitated by Naomi Levi Garcia, Staff Liaison & Solanch Lopez, Secretary)

- Update on Ponce Middle School sidewalk request; the City can construct the sidewalk along Augusto Street however the City is unable to construct on/across Maynada Street because it is County owned; A crosswalk on Maynada Street will only be approved in a complete stop control intersection.
- The City of Coral Gables has reached out to the County to consider a solution that will result in a roadway configuration that provides full stop control to protect crossing pedestrians at Maynada Street
- City staff is fully supportive of this initiative and exploring the concept of “Youth Zones” in order to facilitate the construction of safety features in and around areas with a concentration of children.
- Initial update on schools listed on City website.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

D-1 Next SCRC Meeting - Friday, May 21, 2021

Questions/Comments: scrc@coralgables.com

D-2 MDCPS Parents Get Grants Online Workshop - April 22, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

Workshop adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

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