

City of Coral Gables

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Marked-Up Agenda

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:00 PM

The board meets the first Wednesday of the very month.
Coral Gables Youth Center, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, FL
33134

Parks and Recreation Youth Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present:

Alec Schneider

Kirk Menendez

Gabriella Toyos

Jorge G. Hernandez

Mihir Pabby

Absent:

Natalie Gonzalez

Samantha Simpson

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Youth Center Supervisor Carlos Pichardo began the meeting with going over summer hiring and volunteer opportunities for counselor positions. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they can find the application on the city's website. If they have questions, they can call the Youth Center.

Carlos went over summer camp preparations and the successful Easter event that took place on April 3rd. He also mentioned youth athletics are also still taking place with COVID restrictions in place. He hopes with the upcoming announcement of emergency orders, more restrictions will be lifted, and more participants will be allowed. Soccer tryouts will begin May 5th and registration has already opened. The program will concentrate on younger participants and development.

Administrative staff member Sarah Espino, shared with the Board the upcoming events calendar and Park's e-news with the Board. She highlighted the upcoming Movies Under the Gables Moonlight event at the Youth Center and the new Literacy Festival event in May. As a notice to the board, summer camp registration has already opened and the Youth Center, Venetian Pool and the tennis centers will be offering programming this summer with COVID restrictions in place. Sarah also highlighted the Special Populations division and the programming being offered with accommodations and accessibility.

Sarah mentioned as the event season winds down, if board members need community service hours, then they should use these events to earn hours. The Venetian Aquatic Club is also accepting volunteers teaching swim lessons. If any of the board members are interested in working with the City in a paid position, the Venetian Pool is hiring lifeguards and the Youth Center is hiring counselors. Applicants need to be 18 years of age.

Sarah then continued the meeting by going over park closures for renovations or for seasonal park maintenance. Parks that are close include Jaycee Park, Salvadore Park, and Catalonia Park

Jorge Hernandez asked staff how the CIT volunteer program works. CITs will receive community service hours along with hands-on site training. CITs will be asked to attend training and will receive a CPR certificate. Carlos also mentioned that most CITs continue to become employed for the City when they become eligible. If someone is interested in being a CIT, to be considered they must be able to commit to a program session which will be a minimum of two weeks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Open Discussion

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY

Prior to adjournment, Sarah quickly went over the possible delay in the appointment schedule from the upcoming elections. Board members are allowed to stay on until their seat is filled.

New emergency orders have been released and staff will let the boards know of any operational changes before the next meeting.

The next board meeting is scheduled for May 5th, 2021 at 7 pm at the AAC. A new Zoom link will be emailed to all members.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 7:25pm

NOTE