

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
PARKS & RECREATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

In attendance:

David Greenwell, Acting Chair

Heidi Feder, Acting Secretary

Beatriz Hermann

Leo Llinas

Sheila Frazier

Fanny Carmona, Parks & Recreation Director, staff liaison

Greg Truitt, Acting Village Manager

Excused absences: Chris Olson, Beth Adler and Ed Feller

Welcomed Guests:

Sandra St. Hilaine

Stephanie Cornejo

Rachael Kardys

Eric Tullberg

Mary Pilarian

1. Call to Order – the meeting was called at 7:10 pm
2. The Chair recognized Eric Tullberg: He passed out lists of Parks and Pathways. Bike lane at 136 will need to have a lot of trees removed and need places to put them. He would like the committee to look into it. He is advocating for passive parks. Plant native plants.
3. The Chair recognized Hugo Gussman. He stated that he is advocating for curtailing the use of fertilizer in the communities in Miami Dade. This should be of interest in any community (like Palmetto Bay) that borders water.
4. Chair recognized a presentation by parks team from the Miami Dade Office of Resilience. Resilience 305 is strategy that Miami Dade County released in May regarding shocks/stresses. To address climate change for funding some of these issues. They are planning for sea level rise and how it will amplify different type of flooding. There will be increased heat, so the need is there to plan for shading and equal access to parks. Strategies for managing storm water naturally. Plan for green strategies (Bioswell). There should be permeable pavements/asphalt for parking lots and basketball courts. Store water in vegetative gardens. Water retention parks to be used as public space, education. The park does its job in collecting water.

In 2060, we expect 2 feet sea level rise. What resources do we have? 1. Green infrastructure in park, 2. Open space system master plan. We view parks as a connected system. When we build, we need to take into account all the ecological factors.

Goal for Palmetto Bay (Blue and greenways and use of parks as adaptive tools. Find small places for water to go and how to live with more water. Always have green areas lower than paved areas.

5. Beatriz made a motion to approve the minutes and Sheila provided a second. Minutes were approved.
6. Old Business: Fanny stated that they replaced the two water heaters for the Coral Reef Park Food Vendor. When the inspector went back, they now were told they need to replace the dropped ceiling. Hence it is still delayed.
7. The recommendations made by this committee were heard in regards to Ludovici and Wayside Park. They approved the ADA Bathroom and for Ludovici they nixed suggestions that were made by this committee i.e., boardwalk, tower, etc. David expressed his concerns that the ADA bathroom will become a bathroom for the homeless. Beatriz expressed her displeasure that this committee's recommendations were not followed. Heidi expressed that this has been a two-year process of meeting with the public and then reviewed by our committee to just be pushed aside.
8. The status of Veterans Park and the Shores Development project will be deferred to the next meeting.
9. Mayor Cunningham was appointed to be the Council-Liaison to our committee. She was not at tonight's meeting as she was sick.
10. Leo stated that the presentation by the Miami Dade Office of Resilience was very informative and we should all digest the information and discuss it at a later time.
11. Welcome packets are deferred to the next meeting. Discussions of report cards for review of the parks is also deferred.
12. Mary Pilafian spoke to the committee about Tinkergarten. She plans items of play outside in gardens. They have had positive results in reducing stress and ultimately spending more time in parks. Children 1 ½ - 3 years old. The class involves movements, music, reading books and playful activity. Mr. Truitt stated that he will be recommending the program.
13. The clock tower at Ludavichi is patched up.
14. Leo stated that Javier Cortada will come and present at the next meeting.
15. Next month's meeting agenda was made
16. Leo motion to adjourn which Sheila second
17. Adjournment 8:15

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