



# Village of Biscayne Park

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## MINUTES RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 7 pm

1. **Call to Order-** Chair Dan Samaria called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm
2. **Additions, deletions and withdrawals**
  - a. **Correction of acting member and alternative-** Chair Dan Samaria informed board members of the correction concerning members and alternatives. Moses Shuman is a member while Ellianna Gibson was an alternate. He also instructed the board that alternates were not allowed to vote.
  - b. **Change in Agenda-** Chair Dan Samaria moved item 6.b up to 5.b so that Village staff can leave early. Also that 5.b New Water Fountains be removed from the agenda because funding was already made available by the Village. At the same time that 5.d Vita Course Exercise Equipment be moved to the following meeting. These items were motioned by Chair Dan Samaria and seconded by member Joe Chao. The vote was unanimously approved.
3. **Roll Call** – Present at the meeting were board members Chair Dan Samaria, Vice Chair Caitlin Spurr-Ameglio, Joe Chao, James Murphy, Moses Shuman and Issa Thornell Parks Director.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved. Caitlin Spurr-Ameglio motioned, James Murphy seconded and was unanimously approved.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Biscayne Park 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-** Village Manager Ana Garcia spoke to the board requesting that we get together with Village staff and coordinate a calendar of events for the upcoming year on a regular basis including next year's upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. She also requested that we develop and really big event for that anniversary. Chair Dan Samaria requested to the Village Manager that any funds allocated via donations be earmarked only for the Recreation Department events. She agreed that they would do this. Crimewatch Chairman Chuck Ross suggested that a special 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee be created by the Commission including at least 2 members from every board at their next meeting. Member Joe Chao suggested having a new art installation be dedicated just to commemorate this anniversary incorporating the letters "B and P" as well as the number "80" in this sculpture.
  - b. **Children's Safety Day-** Member Joe Chao spoke briefly on the idea of creating an annual children's safety day to be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10am to 12pm. He then made a presentation on a video called "The Steal Proof Master" which can be played inside the Recreation center while other stations were being held as well. Crimewatch Chairman Chuck Ross who met earlier that week with the Director of Crimewatch, Carmen Caldwell, suggested contacting Commissioner Sally Heyman about acquiring the Crime Prevention Bus to do DNA swabs. Commissioner Rox Ross would may the call to the Commissioner's

office. Chair Ross also stated that he would contact Joe Bermudez of the Miami Dade Police Department concerning their puppet Show. He would also coordinate with Joel from Youth Crimewatch about having both McGruff and Youth Crimewatch staff attend the event. Chief Glansberg stated that he would coordinate a bike safety at this event as well and provide free bicycle helmets to all children who participate. Stickers will be given to all children who participate and complete the entire events stations. Chair Dan Samaria stated that Creepy Crawler's exterminators will donate \$200 towards this event. Member Joe Chao was nominated to coordinate this event.

- c. **Benches and tables at the Recreation Center**-A discussion about allocating 4 benches and 2 garbage cans outside under the trees be installed. Recreation Director Issa Thornell stated that he would acquire prices for these items and make a report at the following meeting. Member James Murphy motioned that we go forward with the benches and it was seconded by Vice Chair Caitlin Spurr-Ameglio. It was unanimously approved.
  - d. **New ideas, questions or concerns**-Vice Chair Caitlin Spurr-Ameglio motioned that the next meeting be dedicated to discussing a Health & Fitness Day.
6. **Old Business**- Fundraiser for computer station. A discussion concerning the pricing for the installation and maintenance as well as hard drive wiping was held including the possible use of Cyber Nanny Software was made. Vice Chair Caitlin Spurr-Ameglio motioned that we postpone any further discussion on this matter until Recreation's Director Issa Thornell provides the board with some concrete pricing. Member James Murphy seconded this and it was unanimously approved.
  7. **7. Public Comments**- there were no public comments made.
  8. **Announcements**- The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 12<sup>h</sup>, 2012 at 7pm.
  9. **Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Caitlin Spurr-Ameglio and seconded by Chair Dan Samaria. The item was unanimously passed.

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