

MINUTES
Sunshine Meeting
April 3, 2024
11:00 AM
Government Center
6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

1. Call to Order:

The meeting began at 11:13 a.m.

The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmember Luis E. Collazo, Councilmember Josh Dieguez, and Councilmember Ray Garcia.

The following Town Staff members were present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun and Deputy Town Clerk, Victoria Martinez.

2. Items Discussed:

Councilmember Dieguez opened the meeting by explaining to Councilmember Garcia that the Miami Lakes United Soccer Club and Miami Lakes Optimist Club expressed to himself and Councilmember Collazo at a previous meeting that they need more space. He stated that the Optimist Club believes that the fields at Barbara Goleman are underutilized. Councilmember Collazo also gave background information to Councilmember Garcia and explained that the town parks are overcrowded. He added that kids tend to leave the Optimist Club for more competitive play and travel ball and therefore he would like to find ways to fix this issue.

The Councilmembers and staff discussed the potential use of Barbara Goleman Senior High School (BGSJ) fields and opening up the current JUA to include organized use at that site. They discussed that they need to create a demand for the BGSJ space and find ways to finance the issues at that site. Councilmember Garcia suggested naming rights to help fund this and Councilmember Collazo explained that in order to maintain control, the town has to fund it, otherwise there would be fundamental change.

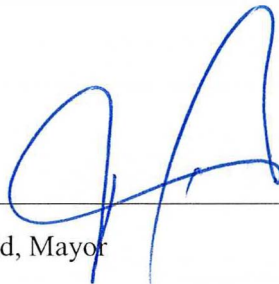
Councilmember Dieguez explained that he wants to get Board Member Roberto Alonso's thoughts and maybe amend the BGSJ JUA. Councilmember Collazo added that BGSJ is not up to par, and they need to address the issues and fund it because schools are prime spots for travel sports rather than recreational fields. Parks and Recreation Director, Jeremy Bajdaun added that this would also allow more free play at Optimist.

The Councilmembers and staff further discussed ideas on creating more space for the clubs.

3. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of May 2024.



Manny Cid, Mayor

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo, Town Clerk