

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 27, 2021

**In attendance:** Chair Jena Rae McClure (in person), Helen Cohen (phone), Kirk Englehardt (phone), Ellen Kay (phone), Richard Quiroga (phone), Howie Sorkin (phone)  
**Guests:** Commissioner Howard Meltzer, City Manager Joseph Napoli, Denise LaSarte

**Absent:** Chun Majahan

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm by Jena.

A motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2020 was made by Howie and seconded by Richard. The motion was approved.

In reference to the graduation parade for the seniors, there will need to be a separate meeting with Mr. Pichardo from CCHS. Jena and Mr. Pichardo decided it would be better to have the junior class officers on a Zoom call rather than on a phone call so that they could see each other and do planning that way.

Jena was able to meet on Zoom with the senior class officers about the high school graduation parade.

Jena found out we can use the Cooper City High School facility during the parade. There will be a sendoff from the school and the parents/family will be able to meet the students at the park. The principal of Cooper City High school is on board with us using the school. They are hoping to have the band and cheerleaders send the graduating seniors off from the school. The seniors will exit the school and drive down Stirling Road to the park. They will be anchored on both sides by BSO.

There will be a provision for students with no cars. Students can drive with friends or parents can drive their students. Seniors need to sign up. There must be at least one senior in each car. Parents cannot follow in their cars in the parade. Broward sheriffs office needs a car count. We are asking for the juniors to help.

We are tasked with coordinating Broward Sheriff's office, advertising, decorations, DJ, etc. Jena wants to do an education advisory board social media page for the senior parade. We need people to volunteer at the parade to guide the cars.

The tentative date for the parade is either June 5, 2021, or June 12, 2021. The district would like to offer in person graduations rather than virtual graduation if they can work out the logistics. That is why the dates for the parade need to be tentative at this time.

The city will be responsible for the stage.

Advertising: we can do advertising in DRW, on social media, and possibly make signs or posters.

We have a budget of \$4000. This is the 50th class to graduate from Cooper City High school, so the students asked for that to be mentioned. Another thing that was mentioned is possibly creating a time capsule for the 50th anniversary.

Melissa Megna, who was commissioner Curran's designee, has resigned from the education advisory board. We thank her for all of her dedicated service. She will be missed. We now have three vacancies.

Joe Napoli talked about the Cooper City History Museum. At a future meeting he would like to talk about starting historical society and the museum.

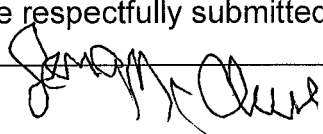
Howie asked about the mural project. The mural project is the responsibility of the recreation board. We will help the recreation board with the mural project.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Commissioner Meltzer thanked Joanne Napoli and the board for all of their hard work. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Helen, and seconded by Ellen.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm

**Next meeting:**

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at Cooper City Hall at 6:15 pm.

The foregoing minutes were respectfully submitted by Secretary Ellen Kay and approved by Chairperson  on date 2/24/21