

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting, December 4, 2014
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	J F M A M J J A S O N D	APPOINTED BY
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P P P P P P - - P P P P	Mayor Jim Cason
Anna Louise Fulks	P P P P P P - - P P P P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Alexander Adams	A E P P P P - - P P P P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P P P P P P - - P P P E	Comm. Vince Lago
Kay Murff	P P P P P P P P P P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Robert Berman	P P P P P P P E P P	Interim City Manager, Carmen Olazabal
Paul Zamek	E P P P A P - - P P E P	Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Judy Mangasarian, Coral Gables Garden Club Member

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of November 6, 2014 with a correction; National Arbor Day is on Friday, April 24, 2015. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.”**

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: Mr. Dannemiller presented the Board with the opportunity of celebrating Arbor Day in conjunction with a donation of Oak and Black Olive trees that Public Service has available. The tree recipients could be Ponce Middle, Coral Gables High, or some other school or non-profit within City limits. He added that the event could be held at one of the schools. The trees are in 45 gallon containers. They vary in height from 10 ft. to 15 ft. Watering could be provided by the school or by the City’s water truck. Discussion developed on the sites selected by the Board at the November meeting and incorporating a tribute to Kathy Gaubatz with a tree planting. Mr. Dannemiller advised that Merrick Park would be a challenge, Phillip Park would be possible and San Amaro Dr. and Mendavia Ave. would also be a possible location for the Arbor Day event. Separating the Arbor Day Celebration from Kathy’s Tribute was discussed. In conclusion, the locations need to be explored further. Ms. Mangasarian mentioned that Charlotte Smiley, Garden Club Member, is available to conduct the Children’s Program. The Board recommended that Ms. Smiley attend the next Board meeting. Discussion developed on the guest speaker and the nominations for the Landscape Beautification Awards. The maps were distributed. Each member selected a zone. Ms. Fulks zone #1, Mr. Zamek zone #2, Ms. Martin-

Lavielle zone #3, Ms. Murff zone #4, Mr. Adams zone #5 and Mr. Berman zone #6. Ms. Perez was not assigned a zone; her nominations can be made from the City in general. Mr. Zamek offered to contact Mary Cardiente, The Growing Place, to ensure the children's attendance. Mr. Dannemiller offered to look into the event sites, contact Ponce Middle School, Coral Gables High School, others schools in the area and when the schools were founded. He will also look into a separate location for Kathy's tree planting. An inquiry was made on Alhambra and Segovia as a possible site for Kathy's tribute. Mr. Dannemiller pointed out that Anderson Rd. and Andalusia Ave. is a possible location as well as the west corner of University Drive, Segovia Street, and Escobar Ave. Discussion developed on the tree species. A plaque at the base of the tree was noted. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. Ms. Murff mentioned that Stephen Pearson, Gifford Arboretum Director, remembered Kathy when he saw a Royal Poinciana. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that a Floss Silk is scheduled for planting on the East side of Coral Way and Douglas Rd; that planting could be considered for Kathy's tribute.

NEW BUSINESS:

DURANGO & BANOS TRIANGE: Mr. Dannemiller advised there is a budget.

PONCE DE LEON LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS NORTH OF 8TH STREET: The public meeting was held. The construction drawings are in process. Irrigation needs to be finalized.

PONCE DE LEON PHASE III STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS: This project should move forward quickly. The consultant is on board. The project is funded.

COUNTRY CLUB PRADO: A public meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Youth Center.

FRED B. HARNETT PONCE CIRCLE PARK: The project is funded. AECOM is the consultant. The commencement is pending finalization of the connectivity element. This is an urban streetscape project with a budget of four million dollars.

MAGGIORE PARK & ALAHAMBRA PARK: There is one project for both parks. The plans are being updated.

GRANADA GOLF COURSE: The sod and chemicals have been secured. The project renovation section relating to the renovations of the golf course tees, greens, and fairways should go out to bid by December or January. This is a critical part of the project because a specialized contractor is necessary. The golf course renovations are planned to start in April 2015. The master plan approval process should follow.

TREE SUCCESSION PLAN: Procurement issues have required that this project go back out to bid. It should go before the Commission in March 2015. The project should begin in April 2015 if the procurement process goes smoothly. Discussion developed on the orchid installation. Mr. Dannemiller advised that the installation should begin in the spring of 2015. The locations will be determined in January/February 2015.

REPAIRS AT DOUGLAS AND MIRACLE MILE: The project is in the process. The SW corner fountain should be working. The other fountain is in the process of being repaired. Up lighting of the columns is also being evaluated. Discussion developed on painting. Mr.

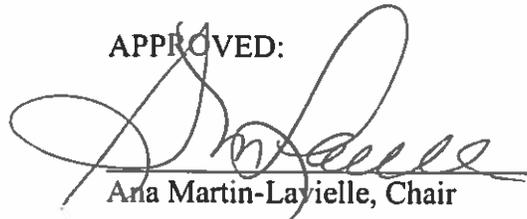
Dannemiller advised that he needs to consult with Historic Preservation and the City Architect on the appropriate color.

DISCUSSION: An inquiry was made on the maintenance of the Library Garden and what should be expected of Miami-Dade County. Mr. Dannemiller replied that the planting took place, a tree was removed and Public Service is keeping an eye on the maintenance. Discussion developed on the future art plans for the Segovia, Coral Way and Biltmore traffic circles.

An inquiry was made on the long term maintenance and irrigation of the City's recent landscape improvements on the triangles. Mr. Dannemiller replied that the plant materials selected are low maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

APPROVED:



Ana Martin-Layielle, Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**

