

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

Minutes of Meeting, February 4, 2016
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	M A M J J A S O N D J F	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	- - P A P E P P	Mayor Jim Cason
Kay Murff	- - P P P P P P	Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Anna Louise Fulks	- - P P P P P P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	- - P P P P P P	Comm. Vince Lago
Vacant	- - A A A - - -	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Joyce Meyers	- - P P P P E P	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	- - - P P P P P	Board as a Whole

STAFF: A = Absent
 Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary P = Present
 Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary E = Excused

GUESTS:
 Judy Mangasarian, Coral Gables Garden Club Member
 Ernesto Clark, UF IFAS Extension Center Program Volunteer

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of December 3, 2015 and January 7, 2016.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: Mr. Clark represents the University of Florida IFAS Extension Center. He has been presenting gardening workshops for 19 years. The gardening program is currently under the supervision of Morgan Hopkins, Agent of University of Florida IFAS Extension Florida Yards and Neighborhoods. Ms. Hopkins could not attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. Mr. Clark advised that he recently set-up a vegetable garden at St. Mary’s Cathedral Church. He also helped three schools in Opa-Locka, Florida create vegetable gardens. He shared composting brochures with the board and mentioned that Ms. Hernandez had inquired on the possibility of having a compost information display table at the Arbor Day event. He confirmed that he would be able to set-up a display table and added that the public needs to be informed of the benefits of composting. Discussion developed and the board responded favorably. Mr. Clark shared his contact information.

A draft of the Arbor Day program was distributed. The board reviewed the draft. Changes were requested. Ms. Meyers advised that she contacted the headmaster of St. Philip’s Episcopal School, Reverend Dr. G. Blackburn and inquired on having the children attend the event. He responded favorably and will need the details. Ms. Hernandez will ensure Reverend Dr. Blackburn receives an invitation. Ms. Perez advised that the featured presentation will be provided by the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy. Mr. Dannemiller confirmed that the joint honor guard will be presented by the Coral Gables Police and Fire Departments. Mr.

Dannemiller is looking into fruit seedling giveaways such as lychee or papaya. Parking availability was confirmed at the Coral Gables Country Club.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The board prepared to vote. Ballots were distributed. Photographs of the Code Enforcement approved properties were displayed. Each property (photo) was labeled with a letter of the alphabet. Each member selected five properties (letters of the alphabet) by order of preference. Each member's *first* vote received *five* points, the *second* vote received *four* points, the *third* vote received *three* points and so on. The votes were tallied and the following properties were the selected: 749 Anastasia Avenue, 3613 Alhambra Circle, 920 Tendilla Avenue, 10101 Lakeside Drive, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, 195 Leucadendra and 6401 Riviera Court, respectively. A total of seven properties were selected. The board requested that one commercial property be selected. This year's commercial property was 2711 Indian Mound Trail. The board also requested that six residential properties be selected; the last property will be a used to provide back-up support. This year's backup property was 6401 Riviera Drive. **A motion was made to "Select one commercial property and six residential properties as Landscape Award Recipients. The last residential property will be used as a back-up support." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

FARMER'S MARKET WORKSHOP: Discussion developed on having Mr. Clark set-up a compost exhibit display at the Farmer's Market. Mr. Dannemiller will confirm with the Parks and Recreation Director. The brochures are ready in English and Spanish.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCULPTURE: Mr. Dannemiller shared the landscape design that needs to be approved by the artist. The Royal Palms around the sculpture on Coral Way and Segovia Street are proposed to be replaced by Satakentia Palms.

COUNTRY CLUB PRADO PROJECT: Mr Dannemiller advised the native area is being planted. The Bougainvillea shrubs will be replaced with 12' Bougainvillea vines that will be placed on every other column. This will allow more of the architecture to be visible. The four corners will have purple flowers and the center will have red flowers.

MIRACLE MILE PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller advised the landscape proposal is in the process.

BETSY ADAMS PARK/ MAGGIORE PARK: Mr. Dannemiller advised the construction drawings were completed as one package.

VENETIAN POOL PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller advised the pool renovations are underway. A project scope is in the works for the triangle park. A project manager has not been assigned. Mr. Dannemiller will follow-up.

TREE SUCCESSION PLAN: Mr. Dannemiller advised that Zone 1 was completed. The Oak and Mahogany trees of Zone 2 were planted. The residential areas with coconut palms need to be evaluated. The relocation of the coconut palms will depend on the health of the palms. The board complimented the trees planted throughout the City.

GOLF COURSE RENOVATIONS: The grounds have been saturated due to the heavy rains. The drains have been cleaned out for better drainage. The shelter drawings are in the process.

MEDIAN NORTH OF EIGHT STREET PROJECT: Construction drawings were completed. They include irrigation and shrubs. Miami-Dade County did not allow new tree plantings due to traffic visibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION: The board complimented the E-News advertisement advising residents not to place trash piles near trees.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

APPROVED:


Anna Louise Fulks, Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**