

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-1
April 8, 2014
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Vince Lago

Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Patrick Salerno

Assistant City Manager, Carmen Olazabal

City Attorney, Craig E. Leen

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-1: [Start: 12:27:50 p.m.]

Resolution of the City Commission confirming the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Green Task Force, for a two (2) year term, which began on June 1, 2013 and continues through May 31, 2015 (Deferred from the March 11, 2014 Meeting).

Mayor Cason: Let's move to Item G-1, this is the slots for the – remember last time we discussed the Green Task Force and we approve those persons that are on the Board and that wanted – no contest let's put it that way. There are a number of ways we could do this; there are 14 different candidates and I thought one, for your consideration, how about each of us pick one person, we have to pick them out of three groups, we have to pick them – there are five candidates for interest in Historic, I guess Preservation, there are two for LEED Architect and there are about nine for residents, of which we need to prove three. So one way to do it would be just start down here, if you agree and just pick a person until we pick five and then we've done it; and we are

still going to have a vacancy, have to come back again because Brooke Dannemiller has been hired by the City and so that one will have to come back next meeting.

Commissioner Quesada: She is the most qualified person on there.

Mayor Cason: You still want to...

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: She'll take the salary (laughter)

Commissioner Keon: As Public Service Director.

Mayor Cason: Right – as Public Service Director.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: By the way, that's one thing Assistant City Manager, any time we hire somebody I think it's good that you bring them in here, so we can meet who they are and see them and talk to them and welcome them to the City.

Assistant City Manager Olazabal: We'll do that.

Commissioner Keon: I think also when you promote people to Assistant Directors or assistant levels that are a significant level in the City, that we are notified. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Alright, you get first shot.

Commissioner Quesada: All the pressure on me, huh?

Commissioner Keon: You want to start on this end?

Commissioner Quesada: There are two people that I like; one is...

Mayor Cason: You only get to pick one.

Commissioner Quesada: I know. I'm going to go with Hung Nguyen.

Commissioner Keon: I'll do that one for you, so if you want to pick another one go ahead.

Commissioner Quesada: Because you were going to pick him?

Commissioner Keon: I'll pick him. So go ahead.

Mayor Cason: Now you can pick two out of the resident category, one out of LEED and one out of Historic Preservation, Bill, you want to go next?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: No, go ahead.

Commissioner Lago: There is a gentleman by the name of Jose Barros, is he here?

Mayor Cason: Yes, he was here under....

Commissioner Quesada: I saw his name, he's in there somewhere.

Mayor Cason: He's under resident.

Commissioner Lago: He is a dentist and I think he is the head of the Autobahn Society....

Mayor Cason: Yes, he was.

Commissioner Lago: I think he'd be a good person to become...

Mayor Cason: OK. So we have one left, one more resident. I will go last.

Commissioner Keon: I already said, I already told...

Commissioner Quesada: I'm going to go Misha for Engineer.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: OK.

Mayor Cason: But we already did that last time.

Commissioner Keon: Did you have another resident card.

Mayor Cason: So we need to have – we have five people under Historic Preservation and we have two under LEED Architect to choose from, you have to pick one from each of those categories, and the last meeting we approved the single.

Commissioner Quesada: OK. So then – Bill why don't you go since you haven't picked anyone.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I know all of these people, not a good thing. Let Pat go one more time.

Commissioner Keon: Actually, I was going to pick Julie Arch, I like her.

Commissioner Quesada: OK, go ahead, Julie Arch.

Commissioner Lago: Everybody is extremely qualified I'll tell you that much.

Mayor Cason: OK – Julie Arch, that means the residents have all been chosen, so. Bill you need to pick one from LEED or one from Historic Preservation.

Commissioner Keon: Can I ask that the one on LEED Navidad Soto is the one that's currently serving and has asked to be reassigned.

Commissioner Lago: She's always at the meetings when I go.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I think Navidad, that's who I'll take. Yes, I'll take her. Please understand I didn't have an opportunity to get to the other categories.

Mayor Cason: And I will pick under Historic Preservation, I'll pick Gay Bondurant.

Commissioner Quesada: Is that all?

Mayor Cason: So that's it.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: That's it, we're done.

Mayor Cason: Next time we have to come back for candidates for landscape architect.

Commissioner Keon: So do we do that again through the ENEWS?- is that how we did it before?

Mayor Cason: Yes.

City Clerk Foeman: We advertised twice.

Mayor Cason: And you sent us this chart.

Commissioner Keon: Right, but I think it was through the ENEWS that we asked for the names, so we'll do that again for just landscape architect, right?

Commissioner Quesada: Let me make sure we are OK here. So we've got three residents, the interest in Historic Preservation, we have LEED Architect, do we have an Engineer?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Misha.

City Clerk Foeman: Misha. He was on the agenda to be approved.

Commissioner Quesada: OK. He was on the agenda to be approved. Oh, I'm sorry; you're right; and then the Professional Planner?

Mayor Cason: Mr. Clerk, we did this last time, we went through and we picked...

City Clerk Foeman: We didn't pick Kimberly Brown, she is on there, we need to approve her name.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just approve her.

Mayor Cason: Anyone else or only her.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Just her.

Mayor Cason: You want to do it now or you want to wait until next time when we have...and see if there are any more?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I think we should do it now.

Commissioner Quesada: There is plenty of opportunity; this isn't a surprise to anyone, more than a month that we've had this outstanding.

Mayor Cason: Alright. We've asked for resumes.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Plus they need to start meeting. They can start meeting and by the way, if for some reason they meet before, I don't know if they can meet that quickly, if they meet before the next Commission meeting. They can also recommend internally who we should have for that last...

Commissioner Quesada: That's a good point.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: And actually that's probably a nice way to do it.

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Of the Green Task Force

Mayor Cason: So then we'll go ahead and approve, have a motion to approve all those.

Commissioner Quesada: I'm going to make a motion to approve all those individuals that we just named.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Commissioner Keon: I'll second it.

Mayor Cason: The Clerk's got the names.

Commissioner Quesada: Walter, you confirm you got all those names?

City Clerk Foeman: Yes, I do.

Mayor Cason: Alright.

City Clerk

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Lago: (Absent)

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

[End: 12:34:28 p.m.]