

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

Minutes of Meeting, April 7, 2016  
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

**STAFF:**

Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary

A = Absent  
P = Present  
E = Excused

**GUESTS:**

Judy Mangasarian, Coral Gables Garden Club Member  
Robert Parsley, Geomantic Designs Landscape Architect  
Julia Abraham, Public Works Civil Engineer

**OPEN MEETING:** The Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, opened the meeting at 8:46 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. The board deferred the Approval of the Minutes to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONCEPT DESIGN FOR (3) PASSIVE PARKS:** Robert Parsley gave a presentation on the design concept of (3) public parks that will be created in areas that are currently open spaces. Public meetings were held and the public’s input was incorporated into the design. Discussion developed the designs. The City will maintain the parks. **A motion was made to “Approve the Concept Design of the (3) new public parks.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the Master Plan for all of the parks in Coral Gables. A proactive approach has been taken by the City in terms of creating more parks. For further details on parks, the board was referred to Fred Couceyro, the Parks and Recreation Director.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARBOR DAY:** The proclamation will be presented at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Fulks requested the names of the individuals presenting the Honor Guard. She inquired on having a Fire truck at the event. Mr. Parsley will give the presentation honoring Frank Button. The Garden Club history will be presented by Betsy Tilghman, Garden Club, Vice Chair. The Garden Club will present the Mayor with a \$1,000 check. , Ernesto Clark, will represent the Florida Department of Agriculture with a compost display table. The location

of the Children's program was discussed. An update was requested on the Arbor Day Foundation nominations and on the giveaway seedlings. Mr. Dannemiller will look into both requests.

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCULPTURE:** Mr. Dannemiller advised the artist will check the fabrication of the sculpture and the landscape plan next week. He presented a copy of the revised proposed landscape design and elaborated on the plant materials. Bollards will be placed to protect the sculpture.



**LIBRARY GROUNDS PLANTINGS:** The plantings along the side of the road have started. A pilot study of (3) different samples of crushed stone will be set-up next week.

**MIRACLE MILE PROJECT:** Mr. Dannemiller advised the root pruning of the oak trees to remain in place or to be relocated is scheduled to begin.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion developed on the City's use of technology for public safety. Discussion developed on the restriction of concrete buttons by the side of the road. The City will inform the public when the final decision has been made in regards to removing concrete buttons from the swale.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED:

  
Anna Louise Fulks, Chair  


ATTEST:

  
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Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016, 8:30 a.m.**  
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida