



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 28, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Landmarks Advisory Board Meeting of November 28, 2022.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Slesnick called the names of the board members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES:

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Maranos and seconded by Ms. Goldhagen to excuse the absences of Ms. Heisenbottle and Ms. Busot.

The motion passed with a collective aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Maranos and seconded by Ms. Dowlen to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, meeting with corrections.

The motion passed with a collective aye.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Frank Button Marker.
2. Change to the Ordinance.
3. Public Works Attendee at Meetings.
4. Kings Bay, Maggiore Park (5028 Maggiore Street) and Lamar Louise Curry Park (2665 DeSoto Boulevard) Markers.
5. Trolley Tour.
6. List of Markers.
7. MacFarlane Homestead Marker.
8. Bahamian Statue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Changes to the Ordinance.
2. Proposed Changes from the Board.
 - a) Meeting of the board every two months.
 - b) Public Works Staff Member present at meetings.

3. **Other suggestions from the Board:**
 - a) Budget.
4. **Comments from Mr. Adams:**
 - a) Funds Crossover.
 - b) TDRs/Historic Preservation Fund.

Answers to questions and comments by Mr. Adams.

1. **Impact Fees:**
 - a) Can a portion go into the preservation fund?
 - b) Where does the money go?
2. Lots of developments have come up despite resistance from the Historic Preservation Board and they have a definite impact on those historic properties or landmarks.
3. **Are there TDRs available at the water tower?**

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Maranos and seconded by Ms. Goldhagen and Ms. Dowlen to authorize Mr. Adams to work with the City Attorney to move forward on presenting to the City Commission a resolution which would amend the Landmarks Advisory Board ordinance to allow them to meet every two months and require participation at the meetings by a member of the Public Works staff.

The motion passed. (Ayes 3, Nays 2).

4. **Prado Entrance.**
5. **Photos of the board.**

CITY COMMISSION ITEMS: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **22-4927** Proposal for a new park to be named in honor of Arva Moore Parks McCabe.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Maranos and seconded by Ms. Goldhagen to rename Castile Plaza Park as the new Arva Moor Parks McCabe Park and a marker installed in her honor.

The motion passed. (Ayes 5, Nays 0).

2. **Additional revision to the Landmarks Advisory Board Ordinance:**

A motion was made by Mr. Asrani and seconded by Ms. Goldhagen to add to the former motion of amending the Landmarks Advisory Board ordinance to include the following:

The duties of the Landmark Advisory Board shall include the review of the wording for all future historic plaques in the City of Coral Gables.

The motion passed with a collective aye.

3. **22-4929 “The Garden of Our Lord”.**

A motion was made by Ms. Maranos and seconded by Mr. Asrani to recommend to the Historic Preservation Board that they favorably consider “The Garden of Our Lord” to be declared a “Local Historic Landmark” based on the information provided in the application.

The motion passed. (Ayes 3, Nays 2).

ITEMS FROM THE SECRETARY:

Mr. Adams thanked the board for their cooperation and made the following comments:

1. It is nice to see this board gaining momentum.
2. The intent of the board is becoming more defined.
3. They are starting to recognize the various roles and how they can have an impact.

Chair Slesnick thanked Vice-Chair Maranos for her gifts to the board members.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2023. No one had any objections. It was suggested to have the Trolley Tour of the landmarks and monuments after the next meeting. Details of the tour will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Maranos and seconded by Ms. Dowlen adjourn.

The motion passed with a collective aye.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.