

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

Draft Minutes of Meeting, December 1, 2011
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	Mayor Jim Cason
Vacant							-	-					Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Alexander Adams							-	-	E	A	P	A	Comm. Maria Anderson
Carlos Perea	P	P	P	E	P	P	-	-	P	E	-	-	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Leona M. Allison							-	-	P	P	P	P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Paul Zamek	P	P	P	P	P	E	-	-	P	P	P	P	Board-As-A-Whole
Robert Parsley	P	P	P	P	E	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	City Manager

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director, Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Public Service Department

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Paul Zamek, the Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes from the November 3, 2011 meeting as written." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: None

SEGOVIA STREET UPDATE: Dan mentioned the project is moving forward to completion.

MIRACLE MILE AND GIRALDA UPDATE: None

PONCE DE LEON UPDATE: Dan mentioned improvements are under discussion.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY: Discussion took place on expanding the Arbor Day event. The date of the event remains under consideration, Thursday, March 1st or Saturday, March 3rd. Dan mentioned that Parks and Recreation confirmed no conflict with both dates. The locations were discussed, Merrick Park is under consideration. Dan added that the North Ponce area could serve as an alternate location. Ms. Allison mentioned that the Garden Club Liaison, Evelyn Budde, will not be available to attend the Landscape Beautification meetings until next year. Dan mentioned the

Chair of each Board could communicate for the purpose of coordinating event details. Paul Zamek mentioned Kathy Gaubatz, a Garden Club member and previous children's program speaker, should be involved in the event planning and he offered her contact information. Discussion on the school's and their participation in the event was deferred to the next meeting. Discussion developed regarding the speaker of the event and Mr. Parsley recommended Craig Morell of Pinecrest Gardens.

Discussion took place on the Beautification Award nominations. Dan encouraged the Board to submit their nominations. He also advised that the nominations would be forwarded to Code Enforcement and the Board should be able vote during the next meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Dan advised that he spoke with Glenn Kephart, Public Works Director, regarding the turn on Segovia Street at Bird Road. Mr. Kephart advised that the design was approved by Miami Dade County's Traffic Authority and at this time no changes were proposed.

By consensus, it was decided that the time of future meetings would be changed to 8:30 AM starting on January 5, 2012.

CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

Paul Zamek, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida