

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Meeting, November 4, 2010
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	APPOINTED BY
Barbara Katzen	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	E	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Jack Elmore	-	E	E	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Maricris Longo	-	P	P	E	P	E	P	-	-	P	E	-	Comm. Maria Anderson
Carlos Perea	-	P	P	P	P	P	A	-	-	P	P	P	Comm. Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.
Linda Lawrence	-	E	P	E	P	P	P	-	-	E	P	-	Comm. Wayne “Chip” Withers
Paul Zamek	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	Board-As-A-Whole
Robert Parsley	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	-	-	P	E	-	City Manager

STAFF:

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

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Barbara Katzen the Vice Chairperson opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to “Approve the minutes from the October 7, 2010 meeting as written.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: Dan Keys mentioned a photographic survey of the circles is still in process. He also pointed out that at the previous meeting he presented a map delineating the existing circles and distributed pictures of the landscape materials used. The landscape materials for the Sevilla Ave. Circle have not been decided, however, there is a multi stem palm tree under consideration.

SEGOVIA STREET UPDATE: Dan Keys stated he will inquire on the status of the bid process. Further discussion took place regarding no curbing on the side streets and the criteria for a traffic study. Dan Keys mentioned that the curbing applies to the medians and that the Public Works Director makes the decision on whether a traffic study should be done.

GIRALDA & RESTAURANT ROW: “Giralda Under The Stars” has commenced and will take place the first Friday of every month.

PONCE & MIRACLE MILE: Discussion took place regarding the hedges obstructing the parking spaces by Ponce De Leon. Dan Keys informed he had looked into it, but trimming the

hedges would not alleviate the situation. He will revisit the area to see what other possibilities may exist.

Barbara Katzen mentioned that the intersection of Maynada St. and Ponce De Leon Middle School requires a stop sign. Dan stated he would inform the Public Works Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY: Paul Zamek offered to handle the planning and stated that he would follow the same agenda used last year which included the younger children planting trees before the formalities of the event. The date of the event was confirmed for Thursday, March 3, 2011. Discussion took place on the location, Maggiore Park was mentioned as an option, but it was not confirmed.

CITY COMMISSION UPDATE:

Paul Zamek inquired about a sign on the property at Alhambra Circle and Mercado Avenue. Dan Keys informed it is a property that will eventually be developed as a park. The sign's purpose is to identify how the purchase of the park was funded. Carlos Perea inquired on how the City identifies what land to acquire. Dan explained the Parks and Recreation Department has a plan for the development of open spaces and parks that was professionally done several years ago and which identified areas where new parks were needed.

Paul Zamek commented that the road way on Columbus Blvd between Alhambra Circle and Venetia Avenue is very deteriorated. Dan mentioned he will have Public Works looked into it.

Dan Keys informed the Board that Maria Cristina Longo resigned, as a result, election for a Chairperson will be on the December 2, 2010 agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

APPROVED:

Barbara Katzen, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010, 9:15 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**