



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 26, 2010**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Landscape Beautification Advisory Board meeting of January 7, 2010

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

**TRAFFIC CIRCLES:** Dan Keys informed the board that there is no City funding for the circles this year. County impact fees are being used for the traffic circles that will be completed this year. Carlos Perea asked if this type of traffic calming project will continue throughout the city. Dan explained that when requests are made, they go through a process before installation can begin. Dan Keys showed the landscape plans for two traffic circles on Blue Rd to the board. Paul Zamek stated that Alhambra Circle and Blue Road is a landmark intersection and should be treated as a gateway. He also felt that it could be repeated in the circle at San Amaro Dr. Robert Parsley suggested that the circle's landscape should be flowering trees. Maricris Longo would like something interesting planted. Dan Keys informed the board that a Cabada palm was chosen by the neighbors of the traffic circle at Brighton Place and Ridgewood Rd.

**GIRALDA & RESTAURANT ROW/MIRACLE MILE UPDATE:** Dan Keys noted that the first Friday of each month, Giralda is closed to accommodate outdoor dining. Maricris Longo asked what is happening with the plan for Miracle Mile. Dan Keys explained that the BID is gathering support for the project. More than one option is being considered on sidewalk changes. In the case of 10' width increase, it would require parking to be changed to parallel. Trees would be removed in either case, but they would be replaced. Funding is needed before anything can be done. Maricris Longo asked that the board's two new members be updated on the City's streetscape plans. Dan Keys will see to it.

**OLD SPANISH VILLAGE:** No new developments for the past two months. A good example of the streetscape plan could be seen there along Galiano.

**PONCE CIRCLE PARK:** Dan Keys reported that curbing, pavers and sod have been installed at the three corners bordering the park as a temporary measure to clean up the areas.

**BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** Dan Keys explained the award process and discussion was held as to criteria for nominations. Board members submitted their nominations to Janet Carrasquillo who will begin the process. Voting is scheduled for the February 4, 2010 meeting.

Barbara Katzen asked how other board members felt about inviting the City Manager to a Landscape Beautification Advisory Board meeting. Barbara Katzen made a motion to "Invite Pat Salerno, City Manager, to attend a future Landscape Beautification Advisory Board meeting." The motion was seconded by Paul Zamek, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote.

Barbara Katzen reported that Mayor Slesnick is asking board members if they would be interested in joining in a 'Super Cleaning Day' on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. She said the request for the clean-up day efforts came through County Commissioner, Dennis Moss. She is going to see what additional information she can find and forward it to Dan Keys' office for distribution to the board. When information is distributed, members will evaluate their personal opportunities to participate in this event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.