

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, December 3, 2015
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary
 Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
 P = Present
 E = Excused

GUESTS:

Yaneri Figueroa, Assistant City Attorney
 Kara Kautz, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
 Judy Mangasarian, Coral Gables Garden Club Member

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of November 5, 2015 with a text change.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

Introductions took place. Yaneri Figueroa is filling in for the City Attorney, Craig Leen.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRIBUTE TO FRANK BUTTON: The board reviewed the plaque inscription for Frank Button. **A motion was made to “Approve the plaque inscription for Frank M. Button.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Ms. Kautz advised the inscription will be presented before the City Commission in January 2016. Artistic Bronze will fabricate the plaque. Mr. Dannemiller advised the plaque will need to be ready for installation by March 2016.

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: The event will be held at the intersection of Alhambra Cir. and Majorca Ave., just east of Granada Blvd. Ms. Fulks will check with the US Southern Command for the presentation of colors. She will also check with the Boy Scouts. The board inquired if Robert Parsley could present the tribute to Frank Button. Mr. Dannemiller will confirm his participation. Ms. Perez will confirm the participating schools, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy and St. Phillip’s Episcopal School. Ms. Mangasarian will look into the speaker of the children’s program. Mr. Dannemiller will follow-up on using the Country Club parking lot for the tent set-up. Mr. Dannemiller advised a small flowering tree will be planted. Ms. Hernandez mentioned the Arbor Day Foundation presents annual awards and Ms. Cardentey is a perfect

candidate for the Rachel Carson Award. This award honors a distinguished individual whose exemplary leadership and efforts guide the nurturing of young children's inborn sense for the natural environment. The board approved the nomination. **A motion was made to "Nominate Ms. Cardentey of the Growing Place Pre-School for the Rachel Carson Award presented by the Arbor Day Foundation."** The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. Discussion developed on who would complete the nomination process. **A motion was made to "Assign Kay Murff to submit the nomination for the Rachel Carson Award."** The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. Further discussion developed on nominating the City of Coral Gables for the Arbor Day Award presented by the Arbor Day Foundation. **A motion was made to, "Assign City staff to submit the City's nomination for the Arbor Day Award presented by the Arbor Day Foundation."** The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Ms. Meyers turned in her nominations. Discussion developed on public exposure of the nominations forms. Mr. Dannemiller recommended sharing the nomination form with the Garden Club. Ms. Mangasarian offered to forward the form to the Garden Club. Mr. Berman offered to provide the nominations of Zone 7, the vacant seat. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that Felipe and Maria Rabre of 6901 Leonardo St. sent an e-mail expressing their appreciation for the landscape award received at last year's Arbor Day Celebration.

FARMER'S MARKET WORKSHOP: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 9:00 am. Ms. Hernandez will check with Public Affairs on advertising the workshop. Ms. Mangasarian will inform the Garden Club. Ms. Fulks will look into an ad in the Herald.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCUPTURE: Mr. Dannemiller advised the artist recently submitted plans. Adjustments will need to be made to ensure protection of the sculpture. Mr. Dannemiller will provide future updates. Ms. Figueroa advised she will look into the resolution terms allowing the City to make adjustments. Ms. Kautz requested that Dona Spain be included when discussing the adjustments.

COUNTRY CLUB PRADO PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller advised the tree trimming process had started. The Royal Poinciana trees on the northwest corner at southwest 8th street will remain and will be closely followed by the removals, and new plantings.

VENETIAN POOL: Mr. Dannemiller advised that the pool will be closed for the following renovations: pool bottom restorations, perimeter and fence repairs, tile and terrazzo repairs, fountain restoration, pool ladders and miscellaneous electrical work. Public Works has assigned a project manager for the triangle park north of the pool. The consultant selection will follow. Ms. Murff pointed out that the Garden Club is making a donation for improving the park. She added they would like to review the design concept before it is finalized. They would like special consideration for public safety in the parking lot and proper drainage of the pool water that is currently pumped into the park area during pressure washing. Mr. Dannemiller confirmed the Garden Club will be included in the design process as well as the final decision. He added that a public meeting will be held to ensure public input.

TREE SUCCESSION PLAN: The Board complimented the Tree Succession plantings. Mr. Dannemiller advised that Zone 1 was completed, except for punch list items. Zone 2 was started. He advised the Ficus Benjamina trees that are not structurally safe will be removed. Their replacements will depend on the theme of each block.

MAGGIORE PARK & BETSY ADAMS PARK: Construction drawings are due. The bidding process will follow.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION: Mr. Dannemiller advised that the Board and Committees dinner will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016. A concern was expressed for two recently planted trees on the south side of Anderson Rd. and Santander Ave. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. Ms. Hernandez mentioned that Ms. Martin-Lavielle requested that the board excuse her absence. **A motion was made to "Excuse Ana Martin-Lavielle for her absence." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:


Anna Louise Fulks, Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

