

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

Minutes of Meeting, May 5, 2016
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Judy Mangasarian, Coral Gables Garden Club Member
Bonita Norman, Coral Gables Resident

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chair, Kay Murff, opened the meeting at 8:44 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. Ms. Murff mentioned that the Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, sent Commissioner Keon a request to be excused from duty. The board was copied the request. The Vice Chair, Kay Murff, ran the meeting. The minutes were reviewed. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of March 3, 2016.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Corrections to the April 2016 minutes were requested. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of April 7, 2016 as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

Ms. Murff introduced Bonita Norman. Ms. Norman will be appointed at the next Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY: Ms. Murff congratulated everyone for their participation. The event was successfully executed. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned the Mayor, the Commissioners and the City Manager complimented the event. Ms. Murff mentioned that Ms. Fulks was significant in the organization of the event. Ms. Murff thanked Ms. Mangasarian for the Garden Club cookies. The board complimented compost display, the seedling giveaways and the trees that were planted. All of the presentations were beautiful as well as the children’s artwork. Ms. Murff and Ms. Perez are coordinating with Ms. Norman to have the children’s artwork displayed in the Library’s auditorium. Ms. Norman pointed out that parental consent should be required if the child’s name will be displayed. Ms. Perez replied the school will handle the parental consent. Discussion developed sending out thank you letters. Ms. Hernandez will send Ms. Martin-Lavielle copies of the last year’s thank you letters. Ms. Mangasarian will thank the Garden Club,

on the board's behalf. The Coral Gables Garden Club donated \$1,000. The excitement of the Landscape Beautification Award recipients was mentioned.

Discussion developed on the 2017 Arbor Day event planning. Limiting the children's program to half an hour was advised as well as scheduling the children's presentation at the beginning of the event. The board selected Friday, April 28, 2017 for the 2017 Arbor Day event. **A motion was made to "Approve Friday, April 28, 2017 for the 2017 Arbor Day Celebration. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the event location. **A motion was made to "Approve the north east corner of Sevilla Ave. and De Soto Blvd. as a tentative location for the 2017 Arbor Day Celebration. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the tree that will be planted. A Royal Poinciana was suggested.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

RELOCATION OF THE PALMS FROM THE PONCE DE LEON ISLANDS: The project will begin next week. Fourteen palms will be relocated. Seven palms will be moved to the parking lot at the intersection of De Soto Blvd and Sevilla Ave. Potential locations for the remaining palms have not been confirmed due to pending underground location clearances. The board recommended 333 University Dr. as a potential location.

CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCULPTURE: Mr. Dannemiller advised the artist approved the sculpture fabrication. The sculpture installation should take place in June. The planting of the palms will need the artist's approval.

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS: Ms. Norman inquired on the missing fountain head of the Library fountain. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned the Library renovations are underway. The County recently made some landscape improvements. He added that three different samples of crushed stones are on display in the Library's swale, Oolite, Coquina and Granite. This is a pilot study to determine which decorative stone should be used to fill the swale holes. The board was encouraged to participate.

MIRACLE MILE PROJECT: The root pruning process on the Oak trees has started. Ribbons have been wrapped around the trees to identify whether they will be removed, root pruned or relocated. The red ribbon represents removal, the green represents root pruning and the blue represents relocation. The Oaks trees in front of the Westin Colonade may be replaced because they are blocking the view of the building. The designer will need to decide what to replace the Oaks with. Date Palms are being considered.

HISTORIC FOUNTAIN REPAIRS: The City fountain repairs will be underway when the Procurement process is completed.

CONCEPT DESIGN FOR (3) PASSIVE PARKS: Public meetings have been scheduled for next week.

VENETIAN POOL: Mr. Dannemiller advised that a meeting with the Garden Club will be held next week. The Garden Club's approval of the concept plan will be necessary before the process continues.

ANDERSON RD. AND BILTMORE WAY: Mr. Dannemiller advised the trees will be relocated to various locations.


TREE SUCCESSION PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller advised Zone #2 is almost complete. Zone 3 has been started. This project has been extended an additional four months.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES FOR PASSIVE PARKS: Five locations were approved for purchase by the City Commission.

DISCUSSION: Discussion developed on the process of public donations. An inquiry was made on sidewalk repairs. Mr. Dannemiller advised there is a sidewalk repair project that is annually budgeted. The Capital Improvement Program includes sidewalk repairs along the main roads.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVED:



Kay Murff, Vice Chair
Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

