

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, November 3, 2016
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Landscape Services Director, Board Secretary
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
 P = Present
 E = Excused

*Hurricane Matthew - No Meeting

GUESTS:

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chair, Kay Murff, opened the meeting at 8:55 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of June 2, 2016, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The discussion of September 1, 2016 was reviewed

NEW BUSINESS:

JEAN WARD SCULPTURES: Catherine Cathers, the Cultural Arts Specialist, was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that the community expressed opposition to the installation of the sculptures at Young Park, during the two public meetings held at the park. Ms. Hernandez added that Ms. Cathers gave a presentation on the sculptures at the Library Advisory Board meeting of October 12, 2016. During the meeting, Ms. Cathers requested the board’s input on having the sculptures returned to the Library grounds. The Library Advisory Board declined to make a decision based on the request for renderings. Ms. Cathers will be presenting the renderings at the Library Advisory Board meeting of December 14, 2016. Ms. Norman expressed interest in the relocation of the sculptures. She was invited to attend the next Library Advisory Board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Nominations were made. **A motion was made to “Elect Kay Murff as Chair and Barbara Perez as Vice Chair.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATIONS: City maps were distributed. Each member selected a specific area from which their nominations will be made. Mr. Berman selected Zones #1 and #2. He offered to submit the nominations for the vacancy on the board. Ms. Norman selected Zone 3. Ms. Murff selected Zone 5. Ms. Perez selected Zone 6. Zone #4 and #7 are available for absent members. Each member can nominate five properties, per Zone. They can be e-mailed to Ms. Hernandez who will forward a list to Code Enforcement for their review.

FARMERS MARKET WORKSHOP: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Discussion focused on a speaker. Mr. Dannemiller offered to ask the Landscape Supervisor, Jorge Rivera, if he would like to participate. Discussion focused on the topic. Improving the swale area and the permitting process was mentioned.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY: The selected event date is Friday, April 28th, 2017. The tentative location is the north east corner of Sevilla Ave. and De Soto Blvd. Mr. Dannemiller will request the underground utility check. Discussion developed on the participating schools. Ms. Murff will contact Maria Cardentey of the Growing Place. Ms. Perez will look into the other attending schools. Discussion developed on the speaker of the Children's Program. The board suggested Katy Sobrado and Charlotte Smiley. An inquiry was made on the Garden Club Liaison. Ms. Murff will look into it.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

TREE SUCCESSION PROJECT: The project is progressing. Completion is expected during Spring of 2017.

RELOCATION OF THE PALMS FROM THE PONCE DE LEON ISLANDS: The palms were relocated to the parking lot at the intersection of De Soto Blvd and Sevilla Ave. Others were relocated to 333 University Dr. The landscape lighting and irrigation repairs have been completed.

CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCULPTURE: An Art Basel event will be held on Sunday, December 4th, 2016.

MIRACLE MILE PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller provided landscape related updates. Further project information is available on the Coral Gables website at: www.gablesstreetscape.com/

CONCEPT DESIGN FOR (3) PASSIVE PARKS: Punch list items are pending at the Durango St. Triangle, San Amaro Dr. Triangle and Lisbon St Park.

INGRAHAM PARK – Crosswalks were completed. Palms were planted and shrubs will be planted soon. The loose gravel will be replaced with pink granite stone dust and the swales will be planted to discourage traffic damaging the grass and landscape.

PURCHASE OF (5) PROPERTIES FOR PASSIVE PARKS: The public meetings have been scheduled. The Betsy Adams Coral Gables Garden Club Park and the Maggiore Park will be going out for bids. The Youth Center fields were completed.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the City Manager's appointment is vacant. Interested parties should be referred to the City Manager's office. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that updated project information is available on the website and on the E-News. Mr. Dannemiller advised that License Plate Readers will be installed in various locations throughout the City to enhance public safety.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:



Kay Murff, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**

