

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

Minutes of Meeting, March 2, 2017

War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

Katy Sobrado, Garden Club Representative  
 Ernesto Clark, Miami-Dade County Extension Center Representative

**OPEN MEETING:** The Chair, Kay Murff, opened the meeting at 8:08 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 2, 2017, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATIONS:** The board prepared to vote. Ballots were distributed. Photographs of the approved properties were displayed. Each member selected five residential properties. The votes were tallied. The following properties were selected: 635 N. Greenway Dr., 10745 Lakeside, 870 Lugo Ave., 3613 Alhambra Ct., 5765 SW 118 St. **A motion was made to, “Approve the selected properties as the Landscape Award recipients.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the plaque wording for Victor Lazzari.

**FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP:** Ms. Murff expressed appreciation for everyone’s efforts. The attendance was good. Mr. Berman asked Gloria Burns to publish a paragraph in the Coral Gables News informing the public of the workshop. Public Affairs will forward a link of the event video. Ms. Murff recommended signage on the west side, in the parking lot.

**ARBOR DAY:** Ernesto Clark presented the topics for the display table. The board selected the topic on insects. Mr. Clark distributed leaves damaged by insects. He mentioned the harmful effects of the African Snail. The board reviewed and approved the brochures to be displayed. The Compost Brochures will also be displayed. Mr. Clark will try to provide saplings to give away. Mr. Clark invited the board to his workshops at the West Dade Regional Library. Discussion developed on having the Fairchild Tropical STEMLab bus attend next year's event. Discussion focused on the event The Public Library System staff will be providing an update on the Library renovation at the next Library Advisory Board meeting agenda. Ms. Perez is waiting for a confirmation from the St. Theresa Green Team. St. Phillips attendance is pending. Confirming the number of children will be needed. Mr. Dannemiller advised the seedling giveaways will depend on availability. Ms. Murff confirmed the Invocation by Reverend Phillip Short, First United Methodist Church. Dignitary invites were mentioned. The event program will be finalized by the Public Affairs Dept. The Proclamation will be presented at the City Commission meeting of March 28, 2017. Ms. Murff will advise the Garden Club.

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**PASSIVE PARKS UPDATE:** There are currently eight parks in progress. Mr. Dannemiller provided a brief update on each. Mr. Kothari inquired on making a donation toward a particular park. The board will have the opportunity to review the plans.

**TREE SUCCESSION PROJECT:** There is a change order in place to extend the budget. Discussion developed on tree diversity.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Murff extended an invitation to anyone interested in taking a trip to the ECHO Global Farms in Fort Myers, Florida on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. They have a sustainability farm teaching third world countries.

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

**APPROVED:**

  
Kay Murff, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017, 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**