

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

Minutes of Meeting, September 1, 2016  
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>O N D J F M A M J J A S</b>	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	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
Bonita Norman	- - - - - - - - E - - P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P P P P P P E P A - - -	Comm. Vince Lago
Rahul Kothari	- - - - - - P P P - - P	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Vacant		City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	P P P P P P P P P - - -	Board as a Whole

**STAFF:**

Brook Dannemiller, Landscape Services Director, Board Secretary

A = Absent  
P = Present  
E = Excused

**GUESTS:**

Dona Spain, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Director  
Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Specialist

**OPEN MEETING:** The Vice Chair, Kay Murff, opened the meeting at 8:50 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was not present.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES:** Catherine Cathers gave an overview on art pieces in public places that include landscape. There are two art pieces at the traffic circles along Segovia St. (Biltmore Way and Coral Way). The landscape design and the plant materials were discussed. The Board responded favorably. An overview on the restoration of Balboa Plaza (Anderson Rd, De Soto and Biltmore Way) was also provided. The plans have been approved, a contractor was selected and the artwork will be donated. The landscape design and the plant materials were discussed. The Board responded favorably. The three Jean Ward contemporary sculptures removed from the Library grounds will be painted red and are proposed to be installed at Young Park (intersection of Granada Blvd. Castile Ave. and Castile Plaza). The landscape materials were discussed. A public meeting will be held at the park. The Jean Ward sculpture removed from Pitman Park will be painted black with white and returned to Pitman Park. The private development fees associated with the Art in Public Places program and the artist qualification process were discussed. It was also noted that the City would like to receive public comments regarding new art projects currently in the proposal stage. A link in in the City’s website under Public Art Program is available for comments. The Board commented on the need for active parks. It was noted that equipment has been incorporated into the Betsy Adams and Maggione Parks projects.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

FARMER'S MARKET WORKSHOP: The request for a sign will be presented before the Special Events Committee.

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

DECORATIVE CRUSHED STONE PILOT PROGRAM: Mr. Dannemiller mentioned Commission approved the right of way planting and the crushed stone materials. The City is now developing the permit process.

CONCEPT DESIGN FOR (3) PASSIVE PARKS: The Board was encouraged to visit these parks, Durango St. Triangle, San Amaro Dr. Triangle and Lisbon St Park. A compliment was made on the San Amaro Triangle.

VENETIAN POOL: The significance of parking availability was mentioned. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned the parking situation is being evaluated.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT: This project is underway. Information on the project schedule is available on the City website. Miami Dade Water and Sewer installed water mains. The storm water drainage is in the process. The discussion of adequate soil volume and irrigation for the trees is in the process. Public meetings are being held.

TREE SUCCESSION: Zone 4 was completed. Zone 5 has been started. The Coconut Palms are being relocated.

GRANADA GOLF COURSE: Incremental minor improvements are underway.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Murff mentioned that the trees on Segovia St. need to be trimmed. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. The City tree trimming process is progressing. Discussion developed on the replacement of the Royal Poinciana that was removed from the intersection of Segovia and University Dr.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016, 8:30 a.m.**  
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida