



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 14, 2010**

ITEM TITLE:

Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of November 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: Dan Keys mentioned a photographic survey of the circles is still in process. He also pointed out that at the previous meeting he presented a map delineating the existing circles and distributed pictures of the landscape materials used. The landscape materials for the Sevilla Avenue Circle have not been decided, however, there is a multi stem palm tree under consideration.

SEGOVIA STREET UPDATE: Dan Keys stated he will inquire on the status of the bid process. Further discussion took place regarding no curbing on the side streets and the criteria for a traffic study. Dan Keys mentioned that the curbing applies to the medians and that the Public Works Director makes the decision on whether a traffic study should be done.

GIRALDA & RESTAURANT ROW: "Giralda Under The Stars" has commenced and will take place the first Friday of every month.

PONCE & MIRACLE MILE: Discussion took place regarding the hedges obstructing the parking spaces by Ponce De Leon. Dan Keys informed he had looked into it, but trimming the hedges would not alleviate the situation. He will revisit the area to see what other possibilities may exist.

Barbara Katzen mentioned that the intersection of Maynada St. and Ponce De Leon Middle School requires a stop sign. Dan stated he would inform the Public Works Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY: Paul Zamek offered to handle the planning and stated that he would follow the same agenda used last year which included the younger children planting trees before the formalities of the event. The date of the event was confirmed for Thursday, March 3, 2011. Discussion took place on the location, Maggiore Park was mentioned as an option, but it was not confirmed.

CITY COMMISSION UPDATE:

Paul Zamek inquired about a sign on the property at Alhambra Circle and Mercado Avenue. Dan Keys informed it is a property that will eventually be developed as a park. The sign's purpose is to identify how the purchase of the park was funded. Carlos Perea inquired on how the City identifies what land to acquire. Dan explained the Parks and Recreation Department has a plan for the development of open spaces and parks that was professionally done several years ago and which identified areas where new parks were needed.

Paul Zamek commented that the road way on Columbus Blvd between Alhambra Circle and Venetia Avenue is deteriorated. Dan Keys mentioned he will have Public Works look into it.

Dan Keys informed the Board that Maria Cristina Longo resigned, as a result, election for a Chairperson will be on the December 2, 2010 agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.