

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

Minutes of Meeting, March 5, 2009

War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	N	D	J	J	F	M	APPOINTED BY
Barbara Katzen	-	P	P	-	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Jack Elmore	-	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Maricris Longo	-	P	P	-	-	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
George Blet	-	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Linda Lawrence	-	E	A	-	-	P	A	P	E	P	P	P	P	A	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Robert Parsley	-	E	P	-	-	P	A	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	Board-As-A-Whole City Manager

STAFF:

Troy Springmyer, Landscape Services Superintendent

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Donna Box, Coral Gables Garden Club President

Suzy Amerkan, Coral Gables Garden Club First Vice President

Eleanor Zahner, Coral Gables Garden Club Arbor Day Chairman

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service

Chairman, Maricris Longo opened the meeting at 9:17 a.m. and the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes from the February 5, 2009, meeting as written." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

BOARD-AS-A-WHOLE APPOINTMENT: Maricris Longo reported that she has contacted Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden searching for someone to fill the Board-As-A-Whole position on the board. Donna Box suggested contacting Pinecrest Gardens as well.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Troy Springmyer noted that the date of May 7, 2009, the location of Riviera Park, and the planting of three Royal Poinciana trees has been cleared by Dan Keys. Eleanor Zahner, who is representing the Coral Gables Garden Club for the Arbor Day Celebration, reported that she has been searching for a speaker. It was suggested that the program begin earlier if necessary in order to accommodate a speaker. She will inform the board when the speaker is

verified. The City of Coral Gables will be making programs to distribute at the event and the Coral Gables Garden Club will be sending flyers to their members. Notices will be posted on e-News to inform City of Coral Gables residents of the event.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Discussion was held regarding the decision to award 2720 Cardena Street as a single home or to give the award for the entire development. George Blet motioned "To amend the previous Beautification Award choice for a Beautification Award to reflect that the designation of 2720 Cardena Street to be changed to the entire Casas Sevillanas Development, bordered by Sevilla Avenue, Cardena Street, Almeria Avenue and Biltmore Court. Further, that all of the individual homes be featured in the photo display in City Hall." The motion was seconded by Jack Elmore, voted upon and adopted by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUTTERFLY SCULPTURE DONATION: Suzy Amerkan, who is handling the butterfly sculpture donation for the Coral Gables Garden Club, brought the subject butterfly sculpture to show board members. She gave a short history of the Coral Gables Garden Club's involvement in the Butterfly Garden and explained why the club would like to donate this particular sculpture and asked for the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board's approval. It was noted that the Library Advisory Board would like it to be placed on a table in the lobby area of the library to attract the interest of library patrons and point them to the Butterfly Garden outside. Troy Springmyer explained to board members why they were being asked for an opinion. George Blet motioned to "Recommend that the City Commission accept the butterfly sculpture for placement inside the library and that the details of installation be worked out by the Library Advisory Board." The motion was seconded by Jack Elmore, voted upon and adopted by a unanimous vote.

BOARD ITEM/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: No new items.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: The search for a City Manager is ongoing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

Maricris Longo, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009, 9:15 a.m.**

Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

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