



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 22, 2011**

ITEM TITLE:

Landscape Beautification Advisory Board Meeting of February 3, 2011

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for January 6, 2011 were approved.

TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: The Board was advised that the three Simpson stoppers were planted at the Circle on Indian Mound Trail.

SEGOVIA STREET UPDATE: The Board was advised that the Segovia Street project was slated to begin in February with completion sometime this summer.

MIRACLE MILE AND GIRALDA UPDATE: The Board was advised that the Commission passed a Resolution approving a strategic downtown initiative for Miracle Mile and Restaurant Row and directing the City Manager to move forward with the implementation process.

PONCE DE LEON UPDATE: The Board was advised that the root pruning on the Oak trees in the median was started and the disturbance of the existing landscape was minimal.

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: The Board was informed of the Arbor Day plans. The Children's program will start at 9:30 with the Adult program to follow at 10:15. The location is Sevilla Avenue and Country Club Prado, on March 3, 2011. The Board approved the trees to be planted, an Adansonia za and the two yellow flowered Poinciana trees. Mr. Zamek will inform everyone via e-mail of the remaining details.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The following sites were chosen: 8585 Old Cutler Road, 918 Madrid Street, Sunrise Harbor Guard Gate and Traffic Islands, 6908 Portillo Street and 11800 SW 59th Avenue Road.

BOARD MEMBER TERM LIMITS: The Board will be given a list with the dates of the terms they have served so that they can plan accordingly as several are reaching the 8 year limit.

RED ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The Florida Department of Transportation made a presentation on the Traffic Improvement Project for Red Road. The Board was advised that this project requires some tree removals and that FDOT has made every possible effort to replace those trees with suitable trees. The Board passed the following motion: "The Board compliments the project even in light of the fact that few recommendations from the Board are possible due to the historic designation restrictions in place for the roadway; furthermore, it requests that the Adonidia and Alexander palms proposed for the North end of the project be replaced with Thrinax radiata."

GENERAL DISCUSSION: The Board was informed that the monument on Red Road and Old Cutler Road was pressure cleaned as had been requested by them.