

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

Minutes of Meeting, June 2, 2016  
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

**GUESTS:**

**OPEN MEETING:** The Vice Chair, Kay Murff, opened the meeting at 8:43 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. Discussion developed on the attendance of the May 5, 2016 minutes. Ms. Hernandez will verify the attendance with the Clerk’s office. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of May 5, 2016.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** Discussion developed on the 2015 Financial Disclosure compliance. The package with the required forms was distributed. The board was advised the due date is July 1, 2016. Ms. Hernandez requested notification from the board when they have submitted their forms to the Clerk’s office.

**FARMERS MARKET WORKSHOP:** The board agreed to provide (1) workshop. Ms. Murff offered to contact the Special Projects Coordinator, Norma Gavarrete, to reserve a date in late February 2017. Discussion developed on improving attendance. Better signage was recommended. Mr. Dannemiller will speak with Ron Crumbley, Special Events Liaison, regarding improving the signage for the events taking place in the Rose Garden.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARBOR DAY:** Discussion developed on the good attendance of the event and the compliments.

## **UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**RELOCATION OF THE PALMS FROM THE PONCE DE LEON ISLANDS:** Several palms were moved to the parking lot at the intersection of De Soto Blvd and Sevilla Ave. Others were relocated to 333 University Dr.

**CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCULPTURE:** The sculpture installation should take place in June or July of 2016.

**MIRACLE MILE PROJECT:** The root pruning process was completed. Miami-Dade Water and Sewer will install a new water main. Some business owners will be renovating during this time.

**DECORATIVE CRUSHED STONE PILOT PROGRAM:** Mr. Dannemiller mentioned there are three different samples of crushed stones on display in the Library's swale, Oolite, Coquina and Granite. This is a pilot study to determine which decorative crushed stone can be used in swale areas where grass will not grow. The board was encouraged to share their input. Some residential feedback has been received. Discussion developed on the residential swale improvements and the list of approved plant materials that residents would be able to plant.

**CONCEPT DESIGN FOR (3) PASSIVE PARKS:** Public meetings were held for the (3) parks, Durango St. Triangle, San Amaro Dr. Triangle and Lisbon St Park. The contractors started working. Planting, irrigation and landscape lighting should be completed in a few weeks. Two trees will be planted at the Durango St. Triangle.

**VENETIAN POOL:** Mr. Dannemiller advised that the Garden Club Board approved the concept plan. The project could begin in September. A buffer surrounding the perimeter of the park was confirmed. Public meetings will need to be scheduled.

**GRANADA GOLF COURSE:** An inquiry was made on the completion of the shelters. Mr. Dannemiller advised the shelter's design will vary. They are proposed to be simple and incorporate stone and wood trellis elements. He used the trellis at Fairchild as an example.

**COUNTRY CLUB PRADO PROJECT:** Mr. Dannemiller advised that the plantings and sodding should be completed.

**PURCHASE OF (5) PROPERTIES FOR PASSIVE PARKS:** The City closed on the purchased of the (5) properties. Public meetings will be scheduled for public input on the design. The board was welcomed to attend the Parks & Recreation Board meetings. Should anyone wish to provide individual input, please e-mail Mr. Dannemiller and Fred Couceyro, Parks and Recreation Director, and they will pass along to the Public Works project manager.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Murff complimented Ms. Perez on having the Children's Artwork display at the Library. Discussion developed on the removal of the concrete buttons in the swale. Mr. Dannemiller advised that the goal is to give residents the opportunity to remove them. Mr. Dannemiller offered to provide a memorandum for growing turf grass in the right-of-way. Ms. Norman brought copies of the Butterfly Garden Brochure that is displayed at the Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until September at 09:58 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
Kay Murff, Vice Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**

