

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

Minutes of Meeting, September 6, 2012
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	J*	F	M	A	M	J	J	A*	S	APPOINTED BY
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Anna Louise Fulks					P	P	P	P	P	P			P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Alexander Adams	A	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	P	P			P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Barbara Perez													P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Leona M. Allison	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	E Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Paul Zamek	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P			P	E Board-As-A-Whole
Robert Parsley	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P			P	P City Manager
*Special Meeting														

STAFF:

Patrick Salerno, City Manager
 Jessica Keller, Community Service Director
 Dan Keys, Public Service Director, Board Secretary
 Ernesto Pino, Public Works Interim Director
 Ayliin Hernandez, Public Service Department

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Esperanza Kelly, Curtis & Rodgers Design Studio

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chairman, Alexander Adams, opened the meeting at 8:48 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes of June 7, 2012." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A second motion was made to "Approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012, Special Meeting with a typographical correction on page 5." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

LE JEUNE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: City Manager, Mr. Salerno, presented the drawings showing the proposed construction of landscaped, raised medians along the Le Jeune Road corridor from US1 to the City limits to the North. The objective is to improve the aesthetics of the Le Jeune Road corridor by converting the existing striped painted areas into green landscape islands. The Commission has approved the project and the funding is in place. The landscaping will consist of Green Island Ficus, Alexander Palms and Annuals. Ms. Esperanza Kelly, General Manager of Curtis & Rodgers Design Studio, added that the median areas would be of different lengths along the corridor, but the landscape concept was consistent throughout. She added that irrigation would be provided. Mr. Parsley and Mr. Adams expressed their approval of the project. Ms. Fulks expressed her interest in the flowering plants. Mr. Adams added that Douglas Road could be a good opportunity for the same type of improvement. A motion was made to

“Accept the Le Jeune Road Improvement Project as presented.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE DISCUSSION: Mr. Adams requested follow up reports of the Coco Plum Circle and Ingraham Park projects for the next meeting. Mr. Parsley commented that there was no requirement for items that had been before the Board to be brought back to the Board. The Board of Architects would be the next step in the process of review. Mr. Adams responded that there would be no follow-up action, but that a report of progress is made.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: In the interest of having all the Board members present for this process, the election was deferred to the next meeting.

ARBOR DAY 2013: Ms. Fulks re-introduced the idea of having the Arbor Day celebration in conjunction with the national observance day. Discussion took place and Friday, April 26, 2013 (National Arbor Day) was tentatively selected. Further discussion took place regarding the event location and the selection of the participating school. Mr. Keys offered to search for a location in the vicinity of a school and share his findings at the next meeting. Discussion would continue at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

COCOPLUM TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: Mr. Adams requested an update on this project.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: On behalf of the Board, Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Salerno for attending the meeting and introducing the Le Jeune Road Improvement Project.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVED:


Alexander Adams, Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2012, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida