

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Minutes of Meeting, May 7, 2015  
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Anna Louise Fulks	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	Comm. Slesnick (Appt by Kerdyk, Jr.)
Alexander Adams	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	E	A	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P	-	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Kay Murff	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Robert Berman	P			P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Paul Zamek	P	-	-	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	Board as a Whole

**STAFF:**

Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary  
 Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent  
 P = Present  
 E = Excused

**GUESTS:**

**OPEN MEETING:** The Chair, Ana Martin-Lavielle, opened the meeting at 8:54 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of April 2, 2015. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.”**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARBOR DAY PLANNING:** The Board commented favorably. The Coral Gables Earth Club presentation was as impressive as the St. Phillip student’s participation during the *Q & A* secession. The event was well attended. A participant contact information list was provided to assist Ms. Martin-Lavielle with the participant thank you letters. In the interest of Sunshine Law compliance, the members were advised to e-mail Ms. Hernandez should information need to be shared with the board. It was suggested that designating a Board member or two to spearhead the Arbor Day event planning and coordination will help streamline the Arbor Day planning process in the future.

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**TREE SUCCESSION PLAN:** Mr. Dannemiller advised that the contractor was selected. The Commission will need to approve the selected contractor. The Notice to Proceed is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015. The project was divided into five zones. Planting will begin in the north section and head south following the same route as the Sidewalk project. The Coconut Palm relocations are independent of the zones. As the plantings for each zone are completed, the twelve month maintenance period will begin. The Tree Succession project will be managed by Troy Springmyer and a Landscape Architect provided by the consultant. They will install a stake in the ground representing the need for a tree. Each stake will have a card with an identification number, the tree information and a bilingual referral to the website for additional information. The identification number will serve as an electronic tracker should the stake be removed from

the ground. The resident directly in front of the planted tree will receive a bilingual door hanger with information on the tree. The City website will also provide information on the project. Mr. Dannemiller requested the Board's input on the public information process. The Board responded favorably.

An inquiry was made regarding the Coconut Palm themed streets. Mr. Dannemiller replied that only the healthiest coconut palms will be relocated to infill on coconut palm themed streets. The project implementation process was discussed. Mr. Dannemiller requested the Board's input on the canopy tree transitioning concept for the coconut themed streets that voted to change to canopy trees. The Board responded favorably.

Misc. Landscaping at Coral Gables Schools: Ms. Murff mentioned that the Garden Club would like to donate \$500 for a tree to be planted at Coral Gables High. She added that Coral Gables Preparatory Academy is also interested in improving their landscape. Mr. Dannemiller requested the contact information so that he can follow up.

**COUNTRY CLUB PRADO:** This project is in the procurement process.

**PONCE DE LEON NORTH OF EIGHT STREET:** This project is in the procurement process.

**MILLION ORCHID PROJECT:** This is a multiyear project that will commence in the parks and open spaces.

**MAGGIORE PARK:** The construction drawings are under review. A public meeting was held with regards to the parking. The City will make comments and the consultant will make the necessary revisions.

**ALHAMBRA PARK:** The construction drawings are under review. A public meeting was scheduled for next week regarding the play equipment. The City will review any changes and return the plans to the consultant.

**GRANADA GOLF COURSE:** Project is scheduled to start May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The project implementation process was discussed.

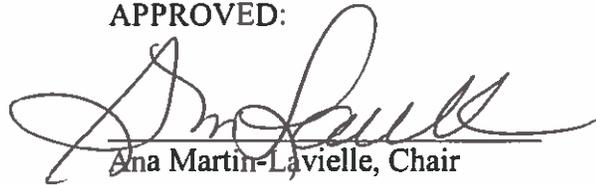
**RIVIERA PROJECT:** A public meeting will be held this evening at the Riviera Country Club to update the residents on the major renovations involved in this project. Plans for removing and relocating trees have been submitted and are under review by the City.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Murff commended the efforts of everyone involved in the Library's landscape improvements. Mr. Dannemiller commented that the City Manager would like the Board members to continue to be proactive in their role as an advisory board. The Board expressed appreciation for the City Manager's support. A comment was made on the need for landscape improvements at the Post Office. Ms. Murff had a landscape article published in the National Garden Club Newsletter. The article emphasizes the impact of having a Landscape Beautification Advisory Board. The Farmer's Market Workshop was used as an example of how the Board can educate and encourage the community to improve their landscape. Ms. Murff inquired on improvements to the small park area on the north side of the Venetian Pool. Mr. Dannemiller advised that since the Garden Club has appropriated the funds for the proposed project, a narrative of their vision for the park area should be sent to Public Works as well as the City Manager's office. On behalf of the City Manager, the City's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pins were

distributed. The Garden Club's copy of the Arbor Day Proclamation was given to Ms. Murff who will deliver it to the Garden Club.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:

  
Ana Martin-Lavielle, Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015, 8:30 a.m.**  
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

