

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, June 7, 2012
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director, Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Public Service Department

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Evelyn Budde

OPEN MEETING: The Chairman, Paul Zamek, opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve Mr. Zamek's absence of the May 3, 2012 meeting." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A second motion was made to "Approve the minutes of May 3, 2012. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: None

COCOPLUM TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE: Dan advised there are two projects taking place, the Cocoplum Traffic Circle and the Pedestrian Bridge/Commodore Trail program. The traffic circle project has been set back as a result of the bridge construction. Dan distributed drawing of the bridge plans and a discussion took place. Dan advised that Miami-Dade County will install the traffic circle infrastructure and the City will handle the landscaping surrounding the circle. The Board inquired on whether the comments they made during the special meeting were considered. The Board requested that they be informed of future projects during the early stages of planning.

COMMODORE TRAIL / BRIDGE PLANS: Dan mentioned that the bike lane and the sidewalk along Edgewater Drive have enabled the creation of space for new trees. Mr. Adams commented that the bike lane construction has started and they are moving from the north east section towards Coral Gables.


NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE- Dan distributed a narrative of the commission meeting. He advised that the tree planting came back as a resolution to hire a Landscape Architecture firm to conduct a tree survey. The survey has two sections; one is to look areas with an existing street tree theme and the other to look at areas that never had a theme. Upon completion the Commission will consider recommendations based on the funding available. The Board made a motion, "to request a presentation by the architectural firm on the findings of the tree survey at the September meeting." The motion was second, voted upon and passed with a unanimous vote.

MIRACLE MILE – Dan advised the Commission had approved moving forward with planning for this project, but no plans were yet ready for consideration. The Board inquired whether a consultant had been chosen for the landscape. Dan advised he will look into it.


GENERAL DISCUSSION: Mr. Zamek pointed out that future Arbor Day plans should begin in September and the Garden Club representative should try to be present so that plans can be coordinated. Ms. Fulks proposed to have Arbor Day in conjunction with the national observance day. If it was, then the Garden Club year book could serve as advertisement. Discussion took place on the financial disclosure forms that the Board members are required to submit to the City Clerk. Dan also advised that anyone that had not received their membership package from the City Clerk's office should contact the Clerk so that one can be sent. Ms. Fulks inquired about the plaque dedicated to Ernest Payton Jones at the Merrick House. Dan advised the plaque had disappeared and he requested the contact person's information. Mr. Adams commented that the round mosaic spheres by the Aragon Ave. garage have disappeared and suggested that the remaining spheres be anchored securely. The landscape at 55 Merrick is damaged and the street lights are not working. Dan advised he would look into it. Mr. Adams suggested that this Board create a downtown streetscape. He mentioned that the Oak trees on Miracle Mile need to be trimmed better. Dan mentioned he will speak the crews. Mr. Adams commented on the lack of tree trimming on Coral Way. Dan advised that Miami-Dade County had already been notified and that they were working on it a little at a time. Mr. Adams asked who was notified and Dan replied, Steve Duncan. Evelyn Budde presented a check on behalf of the Garden Club for the Arbor Day tree.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

APPROVED:


Alexander Adams, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:


Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, September 6, 2012, 8:30 a.m.

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