

PINEWOOD CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of February 8, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

405 Biltmore Way, Conference Room

Coral Gables, Florida

MEMBERS

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COMMISSIONERS

Patricia "Pat" Clarke	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II
Tim Crowther	+	E	+	+	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Sandra Cummings	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	P	Commissioner Maria Anderson
Joyce Thompson*	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	P	+	P	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Father Sean O'Sullivan	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	+	P	+	E	A	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Kemal Rajib	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	+	P	+	E	P	City Manager
Louan Zagarino	+	P	+	+	+	+	P	+	P	+	P	P	City Commission

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

+ = No Meeting

*** = New Appointment**

- = Resigned Member

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Kara Kautz, Historic Preservation Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY/PREPARATION OF MINUTES: Nancy C. Morgan, Coral Gables Services, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Zagarino called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2010:

A motion was made and passed to approve minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2010.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

Grave Markers: Ms. Zagarino reported the following:

- The iconic cemetery stone was successfully moved and set on a new base.
- Mr. Komercia, Gateway Monuments, provided drawings and estimates for new stones that, if all were crafted, would cost a total of \$3,287.
- Proposed new stones, the history of the deceased people they represent and drawings. Proposed stones include William Taylor Barrs, Mary Carey Roberts, Feareby Jane Hodge Barrs, James B. Roberts, Josie Belle Bridges Dubois, Georgia Ann Osteen Carter, Mable Viola Barrs, Walter Hapgood Dubois, Raymond E. Dubois.
- If approved, the proposed stones could be installed before 2010 Pioneer Day.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to authorize the expenditure of \$3,287 and to create nine new stones for the above-mentioned people.

Villagers Bench: Ms. Zagarino will submit paid invoices to the Villagers with a request for reimbursement according to their agreement. Regarding the plaque and bench, Ms. Kautz reported that Artistic Bronze will create, deliver and install a bronze plaque for \$115, on a new bench with a cost of approximately \$200. Ms. Kautz will order both to have them installed prior to Pioneer Day. The bench will be permanently sited in the inner oval seating area, but for Pioneer Day, it will be situated near the podium for visibility during the ceremony. Ms. Kautz will notify the Villagers that they will be honored on Pioneer Day.

2010 Pioneer Day: Harriet Liles will be the featured speaker at the March 20th event. As Ms. Liles was selected to receive the 2010 Mary Call Darby Collins Award presented annually by the Florida Department of State for exceptional historic preservation work, Ms. Kautz will arrange for a City proclamation to honor Ms. Liles during the program.

Specific Board duties for Pioneer Day were determined as follows:

- Boy Scouts participation: Mr. Crowther
- Invocation: Father O'Sullivan
- Coral Gables and South Miami garden clubs arrangements: Ms. Clarke and Ms. Thompson
- Map on back of invitation to be modified: Ms. Kautz
- Program and one-page insert (announcing options for making memorial donations and honoring special Cemetery friends): Ms. Kautz
- Coordination with the Coral Gables Community Foundation to permit donations through their 501C3 organization: Ms. Clarke/Ms. Kautz

Coral Gables Museum: Mr. Crowther relayed a discussion with the Museum director, during which time he learned of the Museum's autonomy from the City, and that it is not a repository for the history of Coral Gables, but an educational space for exhibitions and the lifestyle of Coral Gables. Ms. Kautz comprehensively explained the Coral Gables Museum, its purpose and relationship with the City.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Trees and Signage: A discussion was held about early native trees and plantings in the Cemetery, generally viewed as a rocky pineland requiring little or no maintenance. Ms. Clarke provided information about Montgomery Garden Executive Director Patrick Griffith regarding tree identification signage. Mr. Crowther will contact Mr. Griffith.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara N. Kautz
Historic Preservation Officer and Secretary to the Board