

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

Draft Minutes of Meeting, February 4, 2010
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY
Barbara Katzen	E	P	P	P	E	-	E	P	P	-	P	P	Mayor Donald D. Slesnick II
Jack Elmore	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	-	E	A	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Maricris Longo	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	-	P	P	Comm. Maria Anderson
Carlos Perea											-	P	Comm. Rafael "Ralph" Cabrera, Jr.
Linda Lawrence	A	P	E	P	P	-	E	P	P	-	E	P	Comm. Wayne "Chip" Withers
Paul Zamek											-	P	Board-As-A-Whole
Robert Parsley	P	E	P	P	P	-	P	A	P	-	P	P	City Manager

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Suzy Amerkan, Coral Gables Garden Club

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service

Chairman, Maricris Longo opened the meeting at 9:16 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes from the January 8, 2010 meeting as written." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CIRCLES: Dan Keys reported that the Blue Road traffic circle is under construction but that there are no landscape plans as yet.

SEGOVIA STREET UPDATE: Work has begun on Segovia St. and is progressing as expected.

GIRALDA & RESTAURANT ROW/MIRACLE MILE UPDATE: No new activity.

OLD SPANISH VILLAGE: No new developments.

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: Dan Keys reported that curbing, pavers and sod have been installed at the three corners bordering the park as a temporary measure to clean up the areas.

Dan Keys reported that the second phase of the Ponce de Leon Blvd. median has been approved by the Commission and will be moving forward. This project is mainly traffic flow improvements. Some parking will be lost and turn lanes created along with Trolley stops. Right now there are Oak trees in the medians.

Dan Keys passed out landscape plans for the traffic circle at San Amaro Drive and Miller Road. The City required the University of Miami to install this 50' circle. Discussion was held regarding the plant materials planned for the circle. Paul Zamek made a motion "That the board recommends the approval of the landscape plan for the traffic circle at San Amaro Drive and Miller Road as presented." The motion was seconded by Carlos Perea, voted upon and adopted by a unanimous vote. Dan Keys noted that the ficus benjamina on Miller Road will be replaced with Oak trees because their root systems had been cut when parking was installed.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Members began process of reviewing all nominations. Ballots were received from members and 6 locations were selected. Barbara Katzen made a motion to "Present Beautification Awards to the following 6 properties; 250 Leucadendra Drive, 2500 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 2525-55 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 1302 Madrid Street, 13014 San Jose Street, and 1407 Ferdinand Street." The motion was seconded by Carlos Perea, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote. It was noted that the awards would be presented during the Arbor Day Celebration at the Coral Gables Merrick House on May 6, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVED:

Maricris Longo, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010, 9:15 a.m.**
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida