

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, February 2, 2017
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	*O	N	D	J	F	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	P	P	P	-	-	E		E	P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Kay Murff	P	P	P	P	-	-	P		P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Frank C. Quesada
Bonita Norman	-	-	-	E	-	-	P		P	P	P	P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P	E	P	E	-	-	E		P	P	P	E	Comm. Vince Lago
Rahul Kothari	-	P	P	P	-	-	P		E	P	E	P	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Joyce Meyers	E	P	A	E	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	P	P	P	P	-	-	E		P	P	P	P	Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Landscape Services Director, Board Secretary
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
 P = Present
 E = Excused

*Hurricane Matthew - No Meeting

GUESTS:

Katy Sobrado, Garden Club Representative

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Kay Murff, opened the meeting at 8:37 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of January 12, 2017.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. An inquiry was made on the availability of a projector and screen for Mr. Lazzari’s presentation. Ms. Hernandez will check with the Special Projects Coordinator, Norma Gavarrete. Discussion developed on letter size handouts, as an alternative to using a projector. Ms. Hernandez will print the handouts. The board decided to recognize Mr. Lazzari with a plaque. The photo for the plaque will be taken during the workshop. The plaque will be presented during the Arbor Day Celebration. The board requested a video tape of the workshop. Ms. Hernandez will submit the request. Ms. Murff will request the E-news advertisement. A compliment was made on the signage improvements.

ARBOR DAY: The event is scheduled for Friday, April 28th, 2017 at the north east corner of Seville Ave. and De Soto Blvd. Ms. Sobrado will open the event with a 30 minute children’s presentation under the tent. The children will receive informational packets with Everglade tomato seedlings. Ms. Hernandez will print the handouts. The Growing Place plans to have thirty children in attendance. The expected children’s attendance of other schools will be needed

to ensure that enough handouts are provided. The Garden Club will bring the homemade cookies. Ernesto Clark was not able to attend this meeting, but he will attend the March meeting. He would like this year's display theme to be on *Saving our Water Resources* and *How Insects Damage the Plants*. A request was made to also include the *Benefits of Insects* at the display table. Ms. Hernandez will relay the request. Ms. Murff suggested inviting the Fairchild Tropical STEMLab (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) bus to attend the event. Mr. Kothari offered to look into the arrangements. The presentation of the Honor Guard was discussed. A request was made, but confirmation has not been received. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. The main speaker(s) could not be confirmed due to the absence of Ms. Perez. Ms. Hernandez will reach out to her. Ms. Murff will look into the invocation by Reverend Phillip Short, First United Methodist Church. Ms. Murff will also confirm who will be the Garden Club speaker. Mr. Dannemiller confirmed a Royal Poinciana will be planted.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATIONS: Code Enforcement responded on open code violations, but they were unable to review the right-of-way encroachments. Discussion developed on who would provide the photographs of the properties for the voting process. Mr. Dannemiller advised he will look into it. It was noted that voting for the award recipients must take place at the next meeting and a quorum must be present. To ensure a quorum, the board made the following request. **A motion was made to "Begin the meeting of Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. to ensure that a quorum is present." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

FDOT PROJECT AT LE JEUNE ROAD AND ALHAMBRA CIRCLE: Mr. Dannemiller provided an update on the relocation of Date Palms, Bismark Palms and an Oak tree.

BLACK OLIVE STAINING TREATMENT STUDY: Mr. Dannemiller confirmed the city will be expanding its Black Olive staining treatment study this year to include the treatment of approximately 1,000 trees with an insecticide that targets the mite that feeds on the flowers of the tree which leads to the staining associated with the tree species. Residents can request that the Black Olive trees on the City right of way adjacent to their property be included in the 2017 study by e-mailing PWlandscapeservices@coralgables.com. The deadline for participating in the study is, Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

PASSIVE PARKS UPDATE: Mr. Dannemiller advised public meetings will be arranged.

MIRACLE MILE PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller advised the project information is available on the Coral Gables website, www.gablesstreetscape.com/

ALTERNATIVE SWALE IMPROVEMENTS: Discussion developed on the approved plant materials and requirements. Mr. Dannemiller explained the application process. Interested residents should contact Emily Munoz at the Public Works Department. Mr. Kothari inquired on the approved materials. Mr. Dannemiller will e-mail the information or provide at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: 2017 Municipal Elections are scheduled for April. The term limits of the board appointments were discussed. Each member can serve up to eight years or four terms. The

number of terms served by each member will be provided at the next meeting. Discussion developed on the trash holes. Mr. Berman inquired on a coconut palm relocation. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVED:



Kay Murff, Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**

