

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting, February 6, 2014
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	APPOINTED BY
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	A	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Anna Louise Fulks	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Alexander Adams	P	P	P	E	-	-	P	P	P	P	A	E	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P	E	P	P	-	-	P	A	E	P	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Kay Murff									P	P	P	P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Robert Berman									E	P	P	P	City Manager, Patrick Salerno
Paul Zamek	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	E	P	Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Jessica Keller, Community Service Director
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary
Pilar Wiese, Public Service Administrative Assistant

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

GUESTS:

Jorey Shoshanna Friedman, Vice President, SB Architects

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Ana Martin-Lavielle, 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 2, 2014." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

Introductions took place. Ms. Keller informed that Mr. Springmyer was not able to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

SEGOVIA STREET TRAFFIC CIRCLE: Mr. Springmyer will e-mail any updates.

ARBOR DAY: The arrangements were confirmed. The event was scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2014 at Coral Bay Park, 1590 Campamento Ave. The speaker of the Children's program will be Kathy Gaubatz. Mr. Zamek will invite with the Growing Place Kindergarten Class. The speaker for the Main Presentation is pending. There are two options; Ms. Perez will reach out to Gulliver Academy and Ms. Murff will reach out to Fairchild Tropical. One will be selected at the March 6th meeting. Ms. Fulks will look into the Boys Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The event agenda was reviewed. The Children's Program will begin at 10:30 am. Ms. Martin-Lavielle, Master of Ceremony, will give a Welcome/Introduction at 11:00 am. The Boy Scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Martin-Lavielle will acknowledge the Dignitaries. Mr. Zamek will introduce the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board. The Garden Club will be introduced and they will present a brief history of Arbor Day. The Main Presentation will take place. It should be a 15 to 20 minute presentation with an additional 5 to 10 minutes for questions. The Mayor will present the Proclamation. Ms. Keller will confirm the Mayor's attendance. The Mayor will present the Beautification Awards. Ms. Martin-Lavielle will give

the Closing Comments and Adjourn to the Tree Planting. The tree species is pending. Ms. Martin-Lavielle requested that Mr. Springmyer provide photos of trees that can be planted. She also requested that Mr. Springmyer provide a visual document of the event site. Ms. Murff will update the Garden Club.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The Board reviewed the photographs of the nominated properties. Using ballots each member selected three properties. Ms. Hernandez collected the ballots and counted the votes. The award recipients were: 1229 Coral Way, 1220 Malaga Ave., 4203 Monserrate St., 641 N. Greenway Dr., 4815 San Amaro Dr. Ms. Perez advised that she was not allowed into Journey's End for her initial nominations. In the future, the Journey's End Association should be notified to ensure that their properties can be considered for this award.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD ITEM/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: None

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Ms. Jorey Friedman, a Coral Gables resident, made a presentation on an endangered Oak tree at 1011 Lisbon Ave. Ms. Friedman pointed out how rezoning and future construction will damage the roots as well as the canopy of this tree. She requested assistance in acquiring a site survey showing the tree and what the intentions are. Ms. Keller advised that she will follow-up and contact Ms. Friedman. The Board offered to notify their appointing Commissioners.

Ms. Fulks announced "Sundays on the Porch with George," at the Merrick House on Sunday, February 9th from 1 pm – 4 pm. This event will be held on the first Sunday of each month, ending on April 6, 2014. Ms. Murff announced a "Conservation" presentation at First United Methodist Church, 536 Coral Way, on Thursday, February 20th from 7 pm – 8:30 pm. The speaker will be Dan Kimball, Superintendent of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Park.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:



Ana Martin-Lavielle, Chair

ATTEST:



Troy Springmyer, Interim Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014, 8:30 a.m.

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