

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

Minutes of Meeting, April 6, 2017

War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	M	J	J	A	S	*O	N	D	J	F	M	A	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	P	-	-	E		E	P	P	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	P	P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P	E	-	-	E		P	P	P	E	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Rahul Kothari	P	P	-	-	P		E	P	E	P	P	P	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Joyce Meyers	A	E	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	P	P	-	-	E		P	P	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 8:34 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of March 2, 2017, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY: The event program was reviewed. Changes were requested. The schedule was also reviewed. The Garden Club speaker is pending. Ms. Sobrado shared her plans for the Children’s program. A list of the dignitaries will be prepared for the Master of Ceremony. Ms. Perez confirmed attendance by the students. Artwork will be presented by the St. Theresa students. Seventy-two children are expected to attend. The seedling species will be Green or Silver Buttonwood. Attendance by Ernesto Clark and Laura Vazquez of the Miami-Dade Extension Center was confirmed. The Joint Honor Guard presentation was confirmed. Two Landscape Award recipients confirmed attendance, one cannot make it and two responses are pending. Attendance by Victor Lazzari was confirmed. The plaques were confirmed. Ms. Murff mentioned she received the Arbor Day Proclamation from the Commission. During the Commission meeting a video was presented on landscape improvements. Ms. Murff inquired on posting a clip of the Landscape video on E-News to publicize the Arbor Day event. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. The order of food was confirmed. The Garden Club will provide the cookies. The requirements of the new permitting process were mentioned. **A motion was made to “Approve Kay Murff as the Point of Contact for any last minute changes**

regarding the Arbor Day event.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

OAK & BLACK OLIVE TREE INSECT TREATMENT: Mr. Dannemiller advised that over 1100 Black Olives Trees were treated for the insects that lead to staining. Follow-up treatments will take place..

PASSIVE PARKS UPDATE: Public meetings will be held at the Youth Center on Tuesday, April 18th and on Wednesday, April 19th. E-News and door hanger notifications will be used to inform the residents. Attendance of the meetings was encouraged. Mr. Dannemiller provided a detailed update on each park using an electronic visual display of the project plans. Mr. Kothari requested an electronic copy of the plans.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Berman inquired on the sidewalk improvements from Blue Rd., west of University Dr., to Alhambra Cir. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. An inquiry was made on the vacant board seat. The board was advised that the current term ends on May 30, 2017. Residents interested in serving on a board should contact the Clerk’s office.

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, MAY 4, 2017, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida