

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

Minutes of Meeting, May 7, 2009
Riviera Park, 6611 Yumuri Street, Coral Gables

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Suzy Amerkan, Coral Gables Garden Club President
Eleanor Zahner, Coral Gables Garden Club Arbor Day Chairman
Donna Box, Coral Gables Garden Club Past President

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service

Chairman, Maricris Longo opened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes from the April 2, 2009, meeting as written." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CIRCLE – CARDENA & PALERMO: Dan Keys reported that he has heard of no new developments on this project.

Maricris Longo requested that the palms planted in the circle at Hernando and Valencia be replaced as they are dying.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION: Everything is in place for the Arbor Day celebration to follow this meeting. The speaker will be Carl E. Lewis, PhD, Director of Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden, the Coral Gables Garden Club will be providing cookies and the City of Coral Gables will be providing additional refreshments. Mr. Machado at Ponce de Leon Middle School is bringing the Young Environmentalist's Service Club and there will be 3 classes of children from Sunset Elementary. Mayor Slesnick will be presenting the City of Coral Gables Arbor Day Proclamation and the recipients of the 2009 Beautification Awards have been invited to receive their awards. The Public Service Department has installed three Royal Poinciana trees that will be ceremonially planted.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOARD ITEM/CITY COMMISSION UPDATE: No new items.

CITY PROJECTS UPDATE: Dan Keys informed the board that the City is in the process of creating the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 and will be submitting 0%, 3%, 5%, and 10% cut budgets.

The next meeting will be June 4, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. at the Youth Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

Maricris Longo, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009, 9:15 a.m.

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