

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

Minutes of Meeting, March 3, 2016
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Public Service Director, Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Judy Mangasarian, Coral Gables Garden Club Member
Rahul Kathari, Coral Gables Resident

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 4, 2016 with changes.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

Introductions took place.

OLD BUSINESS:

FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP: Ms. Murff mentioned the gardening workshop was a success. Ms. Fulks mentioned the workshops should be moved to Merrick Park. She added a monthly presentation with different speakers should be presented. Ms. Hernandez advised it could be arranged for the 2017 Farmer’s Market. Mr. Dannemiller will speak with Fred Couceyro, the Parks & Recreation Director.

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: The board reviewed the Arbor Day invitation. Changes were requested. **A motion was made to, Approve the Arbor Day Invitation.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the give-away seedlings. **A motion was made to, “Approve the Silver Buttonwood seedlings as the preferred species to be handed out, Green Buttonwood seedlings as a second choice and Sea Grape as the third choice. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on whether a seedling species change may be necessary. **A motion was made to, Approve Anna Louise Fulks as the decision maker should a seedling species change be needed.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the tree that will be planted to represent Arbor Day. **A motion was made to, “Approve that a Cassia Bakeriana be planted in representation of this**

year's Arbor Day. **The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Ms. Perez confirmed the attendance by the St. Phillips students. The Growing Place kindergarten class also confirmed attendance. Coral Gables Preparatory Academy student, Alisha Agosta, will sing the National Anthem. The Coral Gables Preparatory Academy will have 30 minutes for the featured presentation. Ms. Perez mentioned the 5th graders could give a 15 minute presentation on the Cassia Bakeriana tree that will be planted and the 4th graders could give a 15 minute presentation on the species of the seedlings that will be given away. Ms. Fulks will speak with Robert Parsley regarding the tribute to Frank Button. Discussion developed on the nominations that were submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation. Ms. Hernandez will follow-up.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Ms. Hernandez mentioned that the standby property had received an invitation letter. She requested the board's consideration on including 6401 Riviera Drive (the standby residential property), as an award recipient. **A motion was made to, "Approve 6401 Riviera Drive as a Landscape Beautification Award Recipient."** **The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

BEATRICE ROW TREE RELOCATION: Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that the Beatrice Row townhouse project on Anderson Rd. between Biltmore Way and Valencia Ave. would like to relocate several large trees to City property. He requested feedback on relocating (2) Oak trees to the triangle on Anderson Rd., Andalusia Ave. and Desoto Blvd. The board responded favorably. He added that (3) Silk Floss trees could be moved to the triangle on the north side of Venetian Pool. Ms. Murff requested that a design be presented before the Garden Club for their approval prior to moving forward with relocating the Silk Floss trees to the park on the north side of Venetian Pool as it is proposed to renovate the park with funds to be donated by the Garden Club. She will look into the Garden Club's availability.

CORAL WAY AND SEGOVIA STREET SCULPTURE: Mr. Dannemiller requested the board's feedback on planting 10 Satakentia Palms around the sculpture approximately in the same layout as the 8 Royal Palms that were removed or knocked over by vehicular accidents. The board responded favorably. He provided a description of the landscape design and the materials that are proposed to be used.

COUNTRY CLUB PRADO PROJECT: Mr Dannemiller advised that the Bougainvillea vines were planted on the trellis structures.

MIRACLE MILE PROJECT: Mr. Dannemiller advised that he recently received permit plans. He described the design plans. Discussion developed on the concept of Giralda Avenue becoming a pedestrian friendly environment in the evenings. He advised there is more design information on the City's website under Streetscape Project.


TREE SUCCESSION PLAN: Mr. Dannemiller advised the Coconut Palms in Zone 2 will soon start the process of having their health evaluated to determine if they should be removed, relocated, or remain in place.. The relocation process will begin in Zone 1. The tallest palms will be relocated to the golf course and the north end of Country Club Prado.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION: Discussion developed on the historical building on Ponce de Leon that the City purchased. Landscape improvements will be looked into. Mr. Dannemiller encouraged the board to share ideas for the use of the building by contacting the Assistant Director of Economic Development, Leonard Roberts or the City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

APPROVED:



Anna Louise Fulks, Chair
Vice President

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

