

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Minutes of Meeting, May 4, 2017  
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>*O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	-	-	E		E	P	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	P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	E	-	-	E		P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Rahul Kothari	P	-	-	P		E	P	E	P	P	P	P	Comm. Jeannett Slesnick
Joyce Meyers	E	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	P	-	-	E		P	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 April 6, 2017, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ARBOR DAY:** Discussion developed on the success of the event and the excellent attendance. Ms. Norman mentioned her guest was very impressed. Ms. Murff received several compliments. Ms. Sobrado ran out of brochures. She requested that more brochures be printed in the future. The children were very attentive and enthusiastic. Discussion developed on improving future attendance of the award recipients. Ms. Murff offered to deliver the plaques that were left behind. Discussion developed on improving public safety by requesting a street closure in the future. The board recommended scheduling future events during the month of March. Displaying the student’s artwork at the Library was mentioned. Ms. Perez offered to look into it. Displaying the artwork at City Hall was also discussed. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. Ms. Murff inquired on the video of the event. Ms. Hernandez will look into it. Ms. Sobrado distributed a survey form regarding her Children’s program presentation. Preparing thank you notes was mentioned.

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**PASSIVE PARKS UPDATE:** Mr. Dannemiller provided an update on each park. The board responded favorably. Mr. Dannemiller will send electronic copies of the various options for playground equipment.

**TREE SUCCESSION PROJECT:** Mr. Dannemiller advised that plantings were completed in locations where tree removals are required and on Coconut palm streets. Discussion developed on a historic photo of palm trees on Country Club Prado.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Dannemiller provided an update on the sidewalk improvements. An inquiry was made on the swale improvements and the approved materials. Mr. Dannemiller provided an update on the process involved. An inquiry was made on the house with Florida Bonneted Bats in the roof. The US Fish and Wildlife and Zoo Miami worked together to safely exclude the bats from the attic of the house. Discussion developed on the expiration of the board's two year term. Ms. Murff encouraged everyone to seek reappointment.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
Kay Murff, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
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Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017, 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Center Conference Room-, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**