

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

Minutes of Meeting, November 5, 2009
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Dan Keys, Public Service Director

A = Absent

P = Present

E = Excused

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Janet Carrasquillo, Public Service

Chairman, Maricris Longo opened the meeting at 9:17 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to "Approve the minutes from the October 1, 2009 meeting as written." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

TRAFFIC CIRCLES: Linda Lawrence reported that the intersection of Alhambra Circle and Segovia Street had been reconfigured to eliminate the diagonal street, Segovia Circle. She believes that the angle created is dangerous and will cause problems. Dan Keys stated that the intent of the changes to the intersection was traffic calming.

VACANT BOARD POSITION: The board discussed two nominees for the vacant Board as a Whole position. Linda Lawrence made a motion to "Nominate Paul Zamek to fill the Board as a Whole position." The motion was seconded by Robert Parsley, voted upon and adopted with a unanimous vote.

SEGOVIA STREET/BILTMORE WAY TRAFFIC CIRCLE: Dan Keys reported that the plan at this time is to plant a kapok tree in the proposed new traffic circle. He noted that the project is moving quickly.

GIRALDA & RESTAURANT ROW/MIRACLE MILE UPDATE: Dan Keys reported that a proposal or plan has been produced and that it is being disseminated to all interested parties.

OLD SPANISH VILLAGE: No new developments at this time.

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: Dan Keys reported that curbing, pavers and sod have been installed at the three corners bordering the park as a temporary measure to clean up the areas.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Katzen asked how the board felt about asking Commission Cabrera to consider Ana Alvarez to fill the position vacated by George Blet. Members agreed and Dan Keys stated that he would see that her resume is forwarded to Commissioner Cabrera.

Barbara Katzen noted that she had been confronted by another City resident who was asking why the City was planting so many Oak trees, stating that she would like to see more flowering trees. Dan Keys noted that when there is an opportunity and suitable place to plant a flowering tree, he uses those places for them as accents. Flowering trees need to be planted in key places and not necessarily as street trees on entire blocks.

Board members decided to not meet on December 3rd unless necessary. Dan Keys will advise the board if a meeting is needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED:

Maricris Longo, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Keys, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010, 9:15 a.m.
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**