

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

Minutes of Meeting, February 5, 2015
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Jim Cason
Anna Louise Fulks	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice-Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Alexander Adams	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	P	A	P	Comm. Pat Keon
Barbara Perez	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	P	E	P	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Kay Murff	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	Comm. Frank C. Quesada
Robert Berman	P	P	P	P			P	E	P	P	P	P	City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Paul Zamek	P	P	A	P	-	-	P	P	E	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

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Ana Martin-Lavielle, opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.”**

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: The 2014 agenda and program were used to guide this year’s plans. The Children’s program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Charlotte Smiley will be the speaker. Ms. Fulks advised that Ms. Smiley and Ms. White will attend the March meeting. Mr. Dannemiller will confirm that the event date and location have been approved. Ms. Fulks will finalize the request for the Color Guard. The Adult program will begin at 11:00. Ms. Martin-Lavielle offered to e-mail everyone a draft of the schedule. Ms. Perez offered to look into having a student lead the National Anthem. Mr. Dannemiller will look into the sound system for the background classical music. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that the City of Coral Gables will be recognized for its 30th year as a Tree City USA. It will take place at the Commission Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. He pointed out that this recognition should be included in the program. Mr. Dannemiller added that Robert Ruano, Ecostrata Services, Inc. is partnering with Dade County’s Million Trees Miami Campaign to facilitate a workshop that will encourage government entities to participate in the Tree City USA certification.

A TRIBUTE TO KATHY GAUBATZ: Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that two trees will be planted, an Oak to represent Arbor Day and a Royal Poinciana in honor of Kathy Gaubatz. The plaque for the Royal Poinciana was discussed. The language for the plaque was discussed and approved. **A motion was made to “Approve the plaque language of the Royal Poinciana that will be planted in honor of Kathy Gaubatz. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.”**

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The Board reviewed the photographs of the properties approved by Code Enforcement. Voting took place. The award recipients were: 1225 Ferdinand Street, 1400 S. Greenway Drive, 4710 Orduna Drive, 6200 San Amaro Drive and 6901 Leonardo Street.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS: Mr. Dannemiller distributed a list with the Public Works project updates. He mentioned that all the projects were moving along as planned. Mr. Dannemiller reminded that the Miracle Mile Streetscape public meeting for the City Boards and Committees would be held that evening. The purpose of the meeting will be to solicit feedback and input. The construction drawings are scheduled to be prepared by Fall 2015. He added that the Mediterranean Village Project was scheduled to go before Planning and Zoning on Wednesday, February 11th at 3:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Adams and Ms. Murff will be meeting with the Library’s Assistant Director and the Maintenance Manager to review the library grounds. The meeting will be held at the Library lobby on Tuesday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m. The topics of discussion will include removing mold from the Library building, trimming the trees, and the possibility of a walkway leading to the Butterfly Garden. Ms. Fulks requested an update on the sculpture relocation that Cindy Birdsill presented last year. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. Mr. Dannemiller mentioned that the marble “Vessel” sculpture needs a new proposed location. He welcomed suggestions. The Farmers Market workshop was discussed. Ms. Fulks welcomed everyone to attend a gardening workshop will be held on Friday, February 13th at 10:00 am at the Biltmore’s garden house. Mr. Adams mentioned that the Gables 2015 Bike Day will launch at Tarpon Bend on Wednesday, February 11th at 6 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

Ana Martin-Lavielle, Chair

ATTEST:

Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015, 8:30 a.m.

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