

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, June 4, 2015
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Bob Boberman, Acting Superintendent, Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Clerical Assistant, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Cynthia Birdsill, Economic & Cultural Development Director

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chair, Anna Louise Fulks, opened the meeting at 8:32 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of May 7, 2015. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.”**

NEW BUSINESS:

VESSEL SCULPTURE DONATED BY LEONEL MATHEU: Ms. Birdsill, Economic & Cultural Development Director, advised that the sculpture needs a new location. She added that Mr. Dannemiller was involved in the search for a new location and suggested the overlook park area at Cartagena Circle on the NW corner of the circle. This location was selected because it is on the water and there will be new landscape with up-lighting which can be used to light the sculpture at night. Ariel photographs of the location were distributed. Discussion developed. Ms. Birdsill requested the Board’s approval for the vessel sculpture’s new location. **A motion was made to “Approve the NW Corner of Cartagena Circle for placement of the Leonel Matheu Vessel Sculpture. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.”** Mr. Adams requested an update on the two sculptures (depicting passion flowers) to be placed in the downtown area. Ms. Birdsill advised that the artist, Alice Aycock, met with the City and a structural engineer to discuss the depth of the pool that the sculpture will sit in. Mr. Adams mentioned that modern art with a traditional coral rock setting should be considered. Ms. Birdsill advised that Mr. Dannemiller is involved in the process of the sculpture’s setting. The fountain feature spraying mist was mentioned.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY PLANNING: Ms. Fulks complimented the outcome of the event.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

TREE SUCCESSION PLAN: Planting should begin next week.

DONATION OF BLACK OLIVES AND OAKS: Mr. Boberman advised that the Ponce Middle School donation is underway. He is waiting for a response from the principal of Coral Gables High. The trees can be donated to any non-profit organization within Coral Gables if planted in a publicly accessible location. Interested parties should contact Mr. Dannemiller or Mr. Boberman.

GRANADA GOLF COURSE: The project has started.

RIVIERA PROJECT: Mr. Zamek mentioned the Golf Course renovations. Public meetings have been held. A new club house will be rebuilt. The project may take several years.

DISCUSSION: An inquiry was made on the trees in the white planter boxes on Miracle Mile. Mr. Boberman advised that they are part of the Streetscape Steering Committee mock-up of the proposed sidewalk widening. An update was requested on the Library's landscape improvements. Mr. Boberman advised that upon receipt of the Garden Club donation, the plants will be purchased. He will mention it at the Library Advisory Board meeting. The County's contractor will also be making improvements. An update was requested on the fountain repairs. Mr. Boberman advised he was not aware of the status of the fountain repairs. An inquiry was made on sidewalk repairs. Mr. Boberman advised that Mike Grant, Public Works Construction Inspector, handles the sidewalk repairs. Mr. Zamek highly recommended that everyone download the City App. Ms. Hernandez advised that the current two year term expired on May 31, 2015. She recommended that members who wish to continue serving seek reappointment. Mr. Adams advised he will not seek reappointment. He will be serving on the Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Hernandez advised that Ms. Fulks requested reappointment by Commissioner Keon. Mr. Berman called the City Manager's office for reappointment. He is waiting for a response. Ms. Hernandez offered assistance. Mr. Zamek pointed out that his attendance at future board meetings will be limited to one hour. The Board was advised that the deadline for Financial Disclosure filing is on July 1, 2015. Board members need to advise Ms. Hernandez when they have complied.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ana Martin-Lavielle, Chair

ATTEST:

Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015, 8:30 a.m.**

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