## Zuriarrain, Mitchell

From:

Betsy Tilghman <betsytilghman@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, August 13, 2018 3:47 PM

To:

Zuriarrain, Mitchell

Cc:

Vester, Carolina; nitanorman@icloud.com; ahrrealtor@aol.com

Subject:

Re: Miss Curry Park - Thank you!

Also, Mitch, it was agreed by some of our garden club directors and friends of Miss Curry that we should name the park:

The Lamar Louise Curry Park

They decided to leave off the "Miss" as Miss Curry had done so on a memorial she gave to her parents. Thanks for making sure the wording on the naming reflects this change.

Thanks again,

**Betsy** 

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 13, 2018, at 3:07 PM, Zuriarrain, Mitchell < mzuriarrain@coralgables.com > wrote:

Good Afternoon Betsy,

Just wanted to touch base with you hope the summer has been treating you well. Just wanted to make sure that September 25 is still a good commission meeting day for the park naming item to be presented at commission.

Thank you.

From: betsy tilghman [mailto:betsytilghman@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 11:37 AM

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Subject: Re: RE: Miss Curry Park - Thank you!

HI Fred,

First of all, thank you for meeting with us yesterday! I think we made some good progress and have agreed upon a plan forward, in this order:

1. Naming resolution and location of the Miss Lamar Louise Curry Park to be presented to the City Commission on Tuesday, Sept. 25th, 2018. Mitch will request "time certain."

- 2. Meeting with the residents surrounding this proposed park area and showing them the concept plan and requesting their feedback. Hopefully this could take place in October?
- 3. Returning to the drawing board to discuss in detail the costs of conceptual plan and what to add (such as ADA walkway to benches, sprinkler system) and added costs for detailed cost analysis, drawings and permitting.
- --You explained that the proposed canvas awning attached to coconut tree trunks for shade would not be possible and that if we wanted shade it would need to be part of a permanent footed structure, which could be very expensive.
- --Other items of high expense would be the semi circular oolitic stone bench, the aluminum arbor, and the aluminum fence, which the parks and rec department feels should be 48" high due to excessive traffic on De Soto.
- --We agreed that the display gardens in the oolitic stone low wall planters is a most important feature of the garden.
- --We also agree that Miss Curry had requested flowering plants and that we would try to use as many as possible.
- -- Brook said the city had several cassia bakeriana available and that the city could plant at least two where the two silk floss trees had been but were blown down by hurricane Irma and removed. The city may also plant an additional tree on the very sunny west side of the plot. How wonderful if we could get those in soon, so they can grow during the rainy season!
  --And finally, the garden club has kept open the possibility of adding to Miss Curry's \$200,000 bequest through additional fundraising, and the city has left open the possibility that some of the expenses, like the plans and permitting, could be borne by the city.

This will be a beautiful addition to the city and the garden club is so excited to get started!

All the best, Betsy Tilghman

On Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 1:57:53 PM EDT, Couceyro, Fred <fcouceyro@coralgables.com> wrote:

Hello Betsy,

So good to hear about the Garden Club's enthusiasm for the park. I think meeting that week would be good for us. June 18 is a great date for us, so let me know if that works for the Garden Club. I spoke with Robert regarding the conceptual design for Curry Park. There was no cost estimate or itemized cost list for the park produced, as the plan was conceptual. I think it is important to look at the conceptual design, get the Garden's Club feedback, and after the

item is presented to Commission this summer, we move forward with a community meeting for their input, and then we get final design.

Please let us know if June 18 morning time – around 10 am is good for the meeting. Once we know how many are attending, we will set a location for the meeting.

Thank You.

Fred

From: betsy tilghman [mailto:betsytilghman@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 11:12 AM

To: Zuriarrain, Mitchell; Couceyro, Fred; Audrey Ross; Charlotte Smiley; Judy Mangasarian; Sharon

Trbovich; Swanson-Rivenbark, Cathy

Subject: Re: Miss Curry Park

Hi Mitch,

Thanks for getting back with me. I had mentioned that I am away for the summer, but I will plan to come home the week of June 18-June 22 so that we can move forward on the Miss Curry Park. I cannot do it sooner, as I will be out of the country.

Would you be so kind as to make sure we have an itemized workup of costs as per the Robert Parsley design, and to include Deena and Brook in the meeting so that we can go over possible ideas that are not in the plan. As I mentioned before, I would be very interested in seeing something in the park that would be of interest to mothers with small children - maybe a small labyrinth - or other ideas. Some of our garden club members would like to have an input in plants used, and I would like to include them in this meeting as well.

So exciting to get started! What a great 2018-19 project for the Coral Gables Garden Club!

Thanks so much!!
Betsy Tilghman
On Friday, May 18, 2018, 10:41:39 AM EDT, Zuriarrain, Mitchell < mzuriarrain@coralgables.com > wrote:
Good morning,
Just wanted to follow up as to when we can have a meeting to review the design for the park so we can present the conceptual design to commission so we can officially have the park named and begin work. Please let me know what works for you and the club.
Thank you in advance ,
Mitchell C. Zuriarriain
Sent from my iPhone
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Please let me know which of these days Monday-Friday, June 18-22 work for you and I will coordinate

with my garden club.

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