



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

The **Board of Parks and Parkways** met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 10, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The following were present:

Chair Eric Richey
Vice Chair Jean Ansbaugh
Board Member Jorge Filgueira
Board Member Tammy K. Johnston
Board Member Irene Priess

Also present:

Board Secretary Aly Paz

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 9, 2010 were approved as written.

Board member Irene Priess moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Tammy Johnston seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Old Business

A. Library Grounds

Chair Eric Richey opened discussion regarding progress with the library grounds. He called Commissioner Sosa's office to inquire about work being done on "palm glade" area and spoke to a Ms. Martine. Chair Richey then received a return call from Julio Castro who agreed to meet to go over work already completed and work yet to be done. Chair Richey went into detail about the meeting and all that was discussed.

Chair Richey also went into detail about the status of the Butterfly Garden and what he hopes to have done with the area. He met with City Manager James Borgmann at the area and followed up with an email to Mr. Borgmann regarding the various items that need to be corrected.

Board member Irene Priess moved to request council to ask Commissioner Sosa to look into funding available to install curbing around the library driveway. Seconded by Board member Tammy Johnston and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board member Priess moved to request council to approve the Board of Parks and Parkways undertaking an investigation as to the status of the Butterfly Garden and recommending improvements there of. Motion was seconded by Board member Jean Ansbaugh and carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. New Business

A. Bollard Lights along Curtiss Parkway Walk Path

Chair Richey would like to have the timer reset for the lights to come on at dark. They are coming on while it is still daylight. Possibly they could be set to change seasonally or by light sensor.

Chair Richey would like the minutes to reflect he urges council to approve the purchase of new bollard lights to replace the ones that are falling apart and could become a hazard issue.

B. Grant for Street Tree Planting

Chair Richey would like the minutes to reflect that Board member Ansbaugh would like to urge council to have the fifteen oak trees that were removed along plant oaks in the empty spaces on Westward Drive where various Australian pines and ficus trees were removed over the years, be included in the street tree planting along with the two oaks to be replaced that were removed from Curtiss Parkway.

C. Landscaping in Front of City Hall

Board member Ansbaugh would like to inquire as to what the Public Works Department plans are for landscaping the front of City Hall building.

Chair Richey would like the minutes reflect that the Board of Parks and Parkways is always ready and able to be involved in any landscaping decisions inside the City of Miami Springs on public properties.

D. Removal of Pine Trees at Prince Field

Chair Richey requests Council to continue on following up with the plans for removal of the Australian pines along Prince Field. Board member Jorge Filgueira would like for them to be removed prior to hurricane season this year.

E. Whitefly Infestation Update

Chair Richey informed the board of his meeting with City Manager James Borgmann, City Attorney Jan Seiden, Public Works Director Robert Williams and City Arborist Tom Nash. Chair Richey was inquiring about the removal of city trees due to the spiral white fly infestation even though it has not been proven that the trees were harmed at all by the fly. Mr. Williams was adamant about not removing any further trees due to the white fly.

The city released lady bugs, which have been used to erase the white fly. Chair Richey was not sure if the lady bugs or the cold weather that happened at the same time did the job, but the population of the flies was definitely lessened by one or the other.

Discussion followed.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Aly Paz
Board Secretary

Approved as Amended during meeting of: 3/10/11.

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