



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Board of Parks and Parkways held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following were present:

Chairman Eric Richey
Lynne Brooks
Irene Priess
Lee Fisher

Also Present:

Board Secretary, Juan D. Garcia

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Vice Chair Priess moved to approve the minutes. Board member Brooks seconded the motion which was carried unanimously on voice vote.

3. Old Business:

a) Coral rock wall renovation discussion

Chair Richey informed the Board that the coral that was ordered had come in and that the project was ready to begin. He also mentioned that he met with local architect Manny Pérez-Vichot to consult with him on how to create the arch for the coral rock wall. Chair Richey stated that he will begin working on the project over the weekend and invited the rest of the Board to stop by to take a look at the project.

b) Discussion on possibilities for green space located at 627 Eldron Drive

Board Secretary Garcia demonstrated to the Board the area of land that is being discussed. Board Secretary Garcia noted that it is the parking lot that is used for Manny Pérez-Vichot's office and the north side of the lot is the area that belongs to the City. This topic came up for discussion during a Council meeting and Council recommended that the

Board discuss possible options for the green space area.

Chair Richey stated that the lot was built by Dr. James when the City of Miami owned the Golf Course. He also stated that to get to the City's portion of the lot you would have to come in from the Golf Course or enter from Mr. Pérez-Vichot portion of the lot. Chair Richey continued by saying if you were to try to enter the lot from the Golf Course, that the fence that is there would need to come down and that this option presented a problem for the Golf Course.

Board member Brooks asked if Mr. Pérez-Vichot was willing to give the City an easement and Vice Chair Priess replied that no, he was not.

Discussion ensued on how much of the lot area belongs to the City and how much of the lot was Manny Pérez-Vichot's property. Discussion continued regarding the use of the possible green space belonging to the City.

Chair Richey passed the gavel to Vice Chair Priess.

Chair Richey moved that the Board of Parks and Parkways recommends that Council consider having a survey done to the lot on 627 Eldron Drive as well as the property owned by Manny Pérez-Vichot firm and find an equitable way to re-deed the two properties so that each entity can make better use of the area. Board member Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Chair Richey, Board member Brooks, Board member Fisher and Vice Chair Priess voting YES.

4. New Business:

- a) Yard of the Month - June, 2017

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 1238 Partridge Avenue as the June, 2017 yard of the month

- b) Yard of the Month - July, 2017

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 840 Westward Drive as the July, 2017 yard of the month

- c) Yard of the Month – August, 2017

By consensus, the Board agreed to recommend 301 Swallow Drive as the August, 2017 yard of the month

Chair Richey wanted the minutes to reflect the Board's appreciation for the service of Tammy K. Johnston for the number of years she was on the Board. The Board would like the Council to know that she was an active member and lively participant.

Board member Brooks wanted Public Works to look into replacing or improving the lighting at the Geiger Memorial located on Curtiss Parkway. She added that the lighting was very dim and the flag was not displayed properly.

Board member Fisher wanted to thank the City for displaying the “Thin Blue Line” flag outside of City Hall that serves as a reminder of all fallen police officers.

Chair Richey wanted the Board to take a look and possibly discussing in the future the renovation of the War Memorial located on the Circle. He added that the steps needed to be redone in stone and the flag pole needed to be relocated from the west side to the north side of the Circle in order for the flag to not be tangled in the surrounding Oak trees.

5. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted:

Juan D. Garcia
Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on
this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Eric Richey, Chair

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