



# Village of Biscayne Park Commission Agenda Report

**Village Commission Meeting Date:** February 2, 2016

**Subject:** Discussion Item – Landscape Design for Community Signage

**Prepared By:** Heidi Siegel, Village Manager

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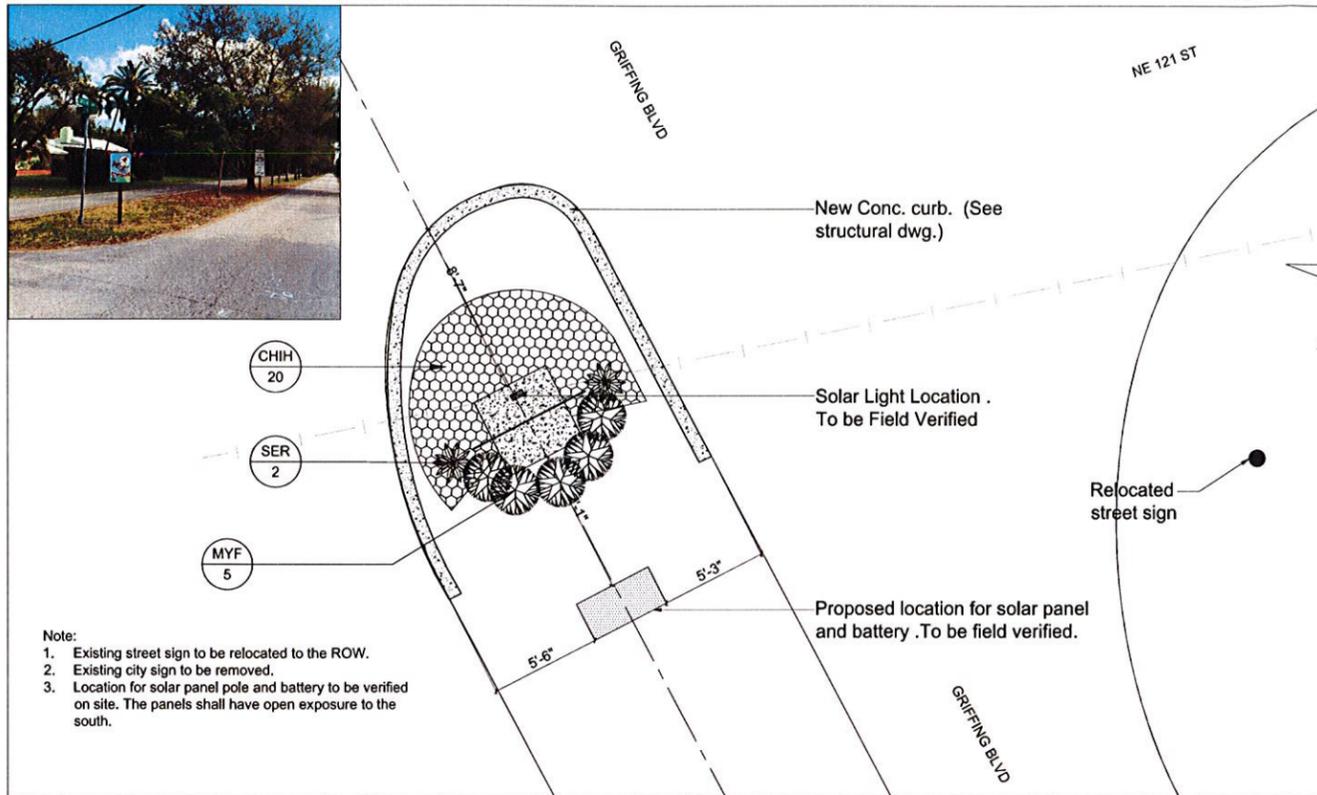
As a part of the agreement with Savino Miller Design Studio for the design of the Community Signs, a landscape plan was developed. The landscape plan included horizontal Cocoplum, Spanish stopper, Yellow Top, Simpson Stopper, Boston Fern and Saw Palmetto. (See attached plans from Savino Miller)

The Parks and Parkways Board expressed an interest in the plans provided by Savino Miller Design Studio and upon review of the plans requested to meet with a representative of the firm. During this subsequent meeting, the Board and Barry Miller of the firm discussed a plan that would include a gravel or shell rock base, one Silver Saw Palmetto and a few native small plants. (See attached email summary from Barry Miller)

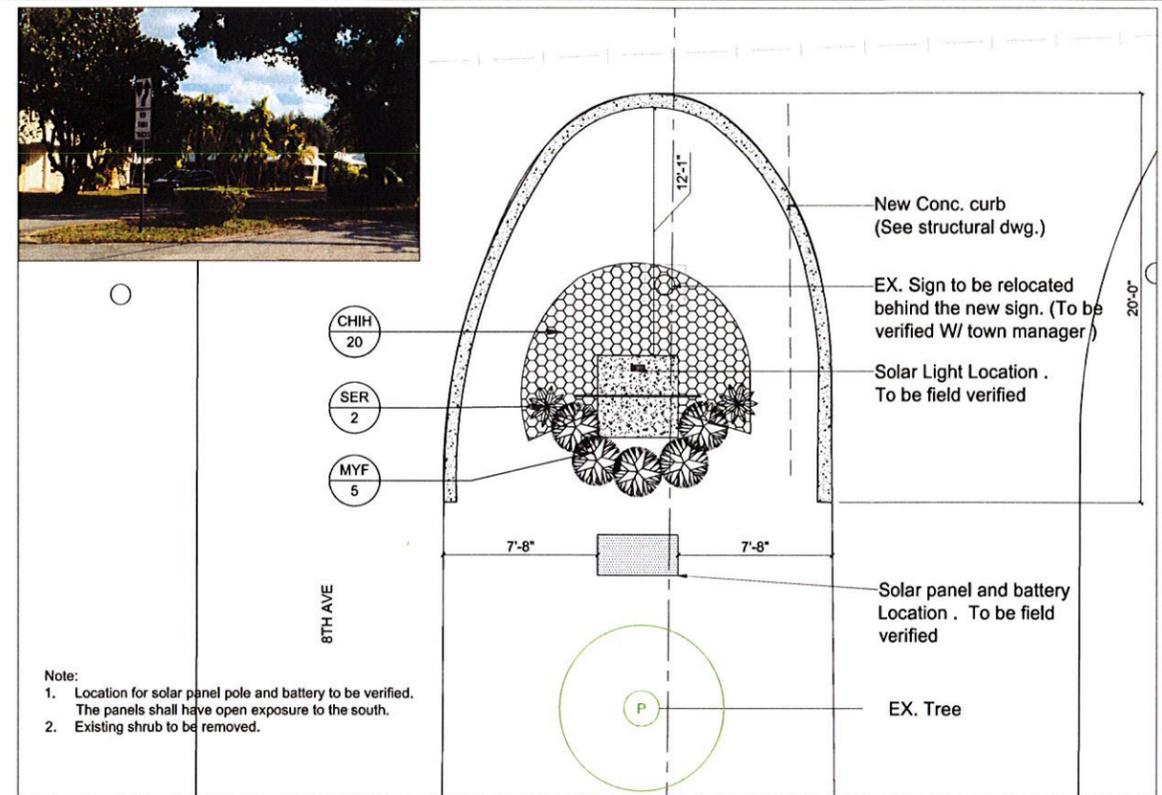
Staff is seeking direction from the Village Commission on how to proceed with the landscaping of the signs. All landscaping costs will be paid for through the Village's General Funds as we have met our reimbursable allocation from Miami-Dade County on this project.

#### Attachments:

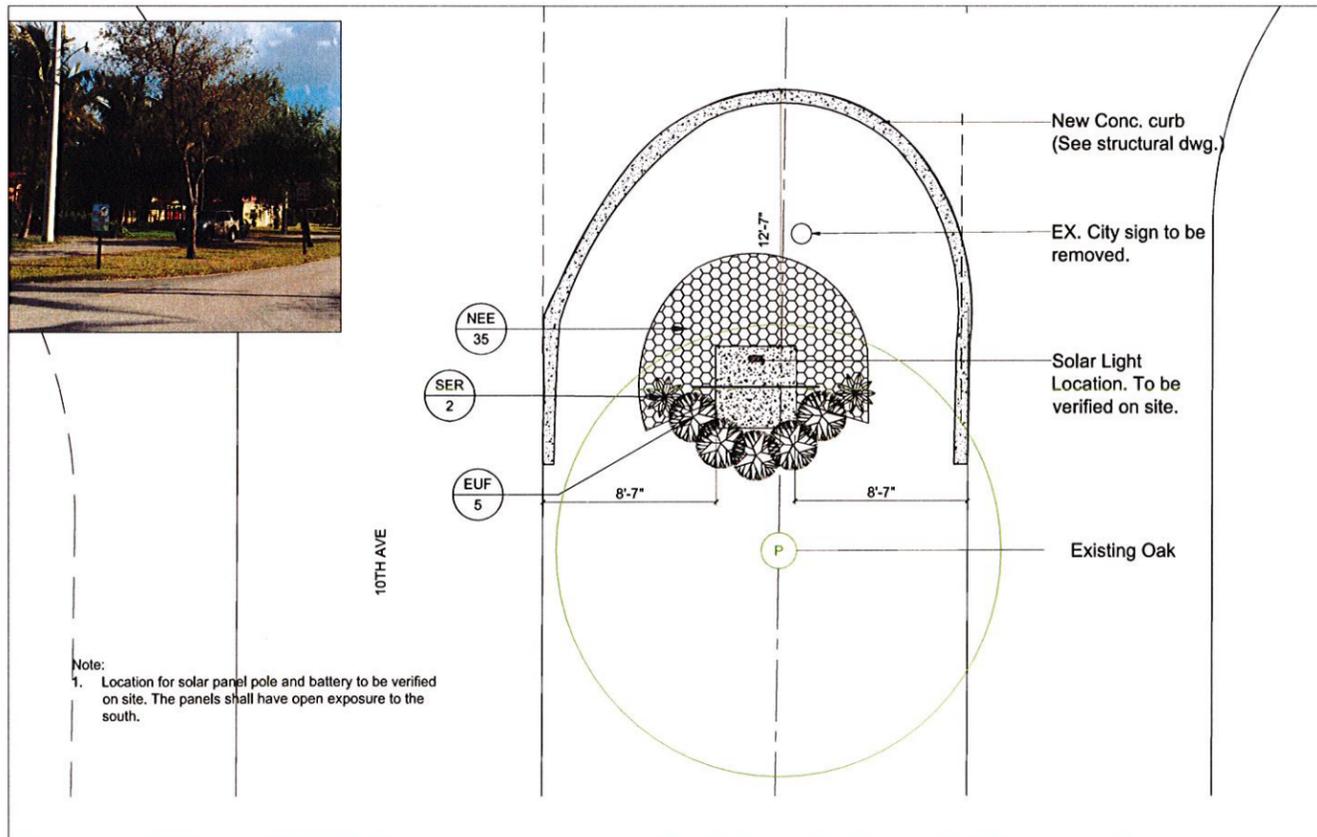
- Savino Miller Design Studio Community Signage Project Landscape Project Sheets L-1 & L-2
- Email from Barry Miller, dated January 21, 2016



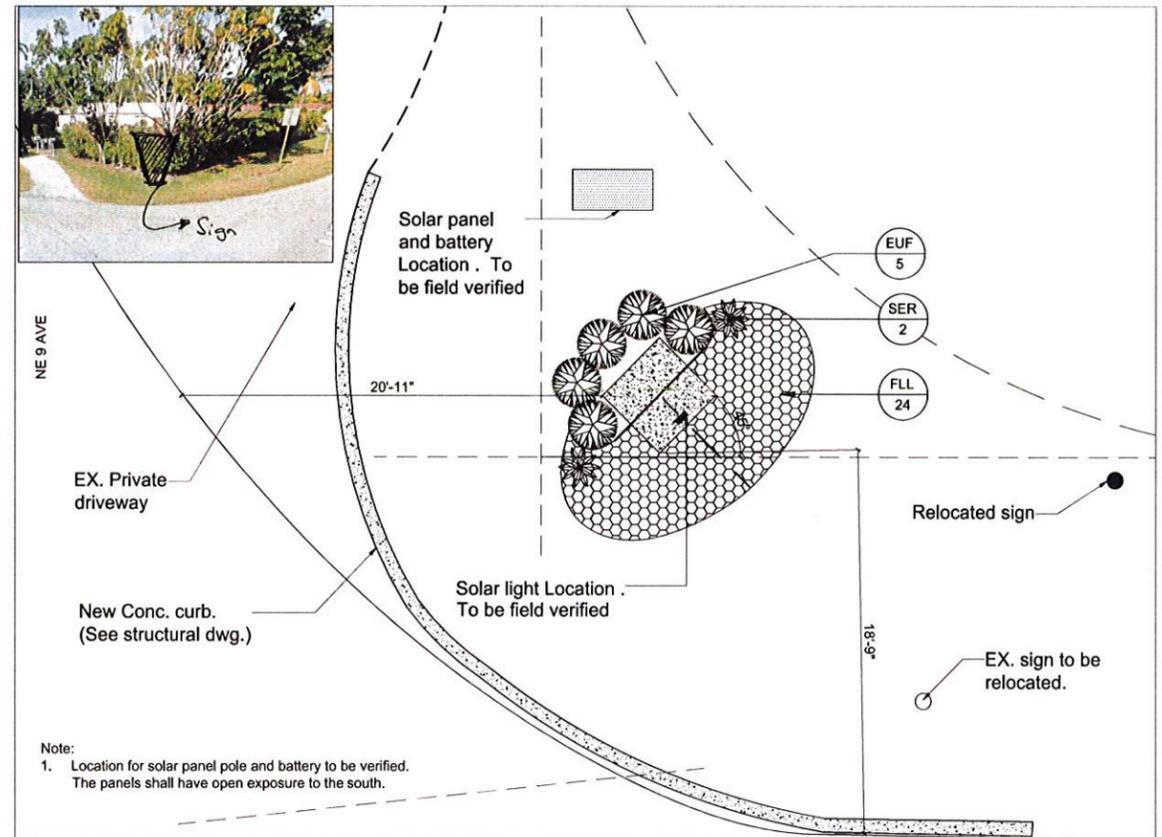
1 MEDIAN LOCATION # 1 GRIFFING BLVD AND NE 121 ST  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



2 MEDIAN LOCATION # 3 NE 8 AVE AND NE 121 ST  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



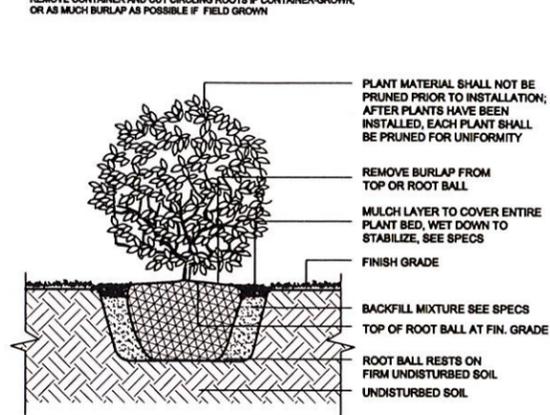
3 MEDIAN LOCATION # 4 NE 10 AVE AND NE 121 ST  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



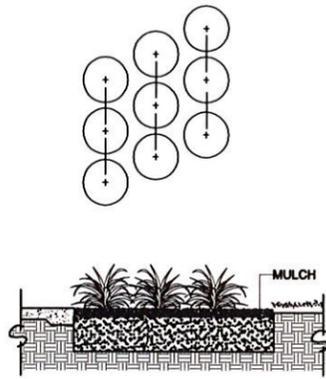
4 RIGHT OF WAY LOCATION # 1 NE 9 AVE AND NE 107 ST  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



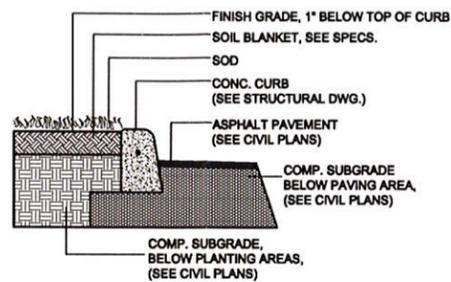
NOTE:  
 \* REMOVE ALL NURSERY STAKES, SUPPORTS, BRACES, TAPE AND LABELS AT TIME OF PLANTING  
 \* KEEP MULCH 3'-4" AWAY FROM TRUNK  
 \* REMOVE CONTAINER AND CUT CIRCLING ROOTS IF CONTAINER-GROWN, OR AS MUCH BURLAP AS POSSIBLE IF FIELD GROWN



1 SMALL SHRUBS DETAIL  
NTS



2 GROUNDCOVER SPACING DETAIL  
NTS



3 SOD TO CURB - TYP. DETAIL  
NTS

SMDS PLANT SCHEDULE				
BISCAYNE PARK SIGNAGE				
KEY	QTY.	NATIVE	BOTANICAL/COMMON NAME	SIZE
SHRUBS & GROUNDCOVERS				
CHIH	40	✓	Chrysobalanus icaco 'Horizontalis' / Horizontal Cocoplum	18"-24" OA, 3 gal., Full, 24" OC
EUF	10	✓	Eugenia foetida / Spanish Stopper	15 gal, 5'-6" Ht. Dense to ground
FLL	24	✓	Flaveria linearis / Yellow Top	9"-12" OA, 3 gal., 18" OC
MYF	10	✓	Myrcianthes fragrans / Simpson stopper	7'-8" Ht. x 4'-5' Spr, 25 gal.
NEE	35	✓	Nephrolepis exaltata / Boston Fern	12"-18" OA, 3 gal., 18" OC
SER	8	✓	Serenoa repens / Saw Palmetto	12"-18" OA, 3 gal, 36" OC
** NOTE: Contractor shall submit photos of all plant material for LA approval before delivery to site**				



Chrysobalanus icaco 'Horizontalis' - Horizontal Cocoplum



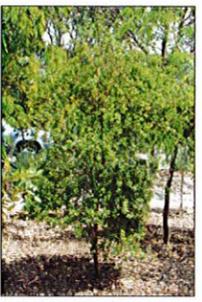
Nephrolepis exaltata - Boston Fern



Flaveria linearis - Yellow Top



Serenoa repens - Saw Palmetto



Myrcianthes fragrans - Simpson stopper



Eugenia foetida - Spanish Stopper

LANDSCAPE GENERAL NOTES

- All plants furnished by the Landscape Contractor unless otherwise specified shall be Florida No. 1 or better, and shall be specified in Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants, Part 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., 1975) by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of the plant industry.
- All shrubs, and groundcovers shall be guaranteed for 90 days from date of final acceptance. All trees and palms shall be guaranteed for six months from date of final acceptance.
- Planting soil shall be weed-free, and consist of 70% clean, coarse, sharp, Lake Wales Silica Sand (alternate: Ortona or FDOT #3 coarse silica sand) and 30% Everglades muck mixed with the approved, native, soil in a ONE-ONE (1/1) ratio.
- All planting beds to be weed and grass free. Contractor shall apply herbicide to soil as recommended by manufacturer.
- Landscape Contractor shall locate and verify all underground utilities prior to digging.
- All trees and palms, and standard shrub material to be staked in a good workmanlike manner. No nail staking permitted.
- All other plants shall be fertilized at installation with a 12-4-8 time-release fertilizer (with slow release sulphur) according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Cover all planting beds with a minimum of 3" layer of shredded Melaleuca, Grade B. Do not use Bald Cypress mulch.
- Where quantities and/or species differ between the planting plan(s) and the plant list, the plan(s) shall govern.
- No changes shall be made without the prior, written consent of the Landscape Architect and/or Owner.
- Place and maintain protective barriers around the drip line of all trees to be retained on site. These barriers shall be easily visible and sturdily constructed. No heavy equipment or materials shall be stored within the drip line of protected trees. Any trees or palms designated to remain on-site which the City determines to have been damaged during construction shall promptly be replaced with plants of equivalent size and value as required at no cost to the City.
- General Contractor shall submit photos to Landscape Architect for approval for all plant material.
- Loss or damage of branches 1" width or greater due to transport and installation are the responsibility of the GC and grounds for immediate rejection by Landscape Architect.

## Heidi Siegel

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**From:** Barry Miller <barry@savinomiller.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 3:13 PM  
**To:** Heidi Siegel  
**Cc:** 'Adriana Savino'; 'Accounting - Savino Miller'  
**Subject:** RE: Parks and Parkways Meeting

Hi Heidi,

It was a pleasure. I do have to let you know however that we have exceeded our budgeted hours (by a long shot!) on this project, and I attended last night's meeting as a courtesy. Moving forward however, we would require Additional Services as described in our contract, especially since planting design is being revised.

We look forward to assisting the City with the installation of the solar lighting, and planting as the need arises, based on our Agreement's Construction Phase clause as well.

With that, here's a brief summary of what was discussed, as I remember it.

Overall, everyone seemed very happy with the sign installation. Mainly, there were questions and concern regarding the need for extensive planting at each of the sign bases, and included the following:

1. The signs are set a little lower than the surrounding curb, and there is concern that adding even low (12" - 18") groundcover planting would cover up too much of the sign. There was general consensus that some kind of gravel - or coquina shell could be placed as a "mulch", 4" deep, with roughly 2.5 CY at reach of the signs. One "Silver Saw Palmetto", as large as practical, would be planted behind the sign to screen to back side somewhat, and the City could plant a few native, small plants, scattered informally, on the sides and back of the sign that would not hamper visibility of the sign or sight lines. Many plant options were discussed as well. Dan (or someone) would get samples of the gravel/shell for approval by the Board/City.

2. Lack of irrigation, which limits what kind of drought tolerant planting material would perform best. There was agreement that the Village should plan to water these plants during "drought" periods.

We also briefly discussed the issue of solar lights, and confirmed that the upright would be placed in front of the sign (not the back) and that the solar panel would be remotely sited so as not to conflict with the sign aesthetic and to maximize sun exposure.

I am sure Dan and the other members of the Board will have more to add, or may want to correct my recollections above-mentioned, so please keep us posted.

Best,  
Barry

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**From:** Heidi Siegel [mailto:[villagemanager@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:villagemanager@biscayneparkfl.gov)]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 11:00 AM

**To:** 'Barry Miller'

**Cc:** Adriana Savino; 'Yu'; Maria Camara

**Subject:** Parks and Parkways Meeting

Barry,

Thank you for attending the Parks and Parkways meeting. Would you be so kind to send me a written summary or quick sketch of the changes to the landscape design that the Board recommended to you? I would like to bring to the Commission for final decision.

Thanks!

Heidi

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*"Whatever the problem, be part of the solution. Don't just sit around raising questions and pointing out obstacles." — Tina Fey, Bossypants*

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