



Village of Biscayne Park

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MINUTES

Ecology Board

Ed Burke Recreation Center
11400 NE 9th Court, Biscayne Park, FL

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

All present

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from last month's meeting approved.

4. Additions, deletions and withdrawals

Tree maintenance and tree trimming on 119th Street – lifting trees. Most cuts seem good. Last year there was motion in the Commission to include money for tree maintenance and this is the result.

5. New Business

Butterfly garden – memo went around that the Village is working on it. Tom: we need to ask Public Works to flag the milkweeds so they don't pull them out.

ACTION: Tom and Matt will communicate need not to cut milkweeds to Cesar of Public Works.

Tree diversity – they are planting all oaks on medians. Landscape committee is making all the decisions

ACTION: Pass a resolution promoting tree diversity. Designate some appropriate areas with low canopy, attractive native shrubs

6. Old Business

Recycling Program - Cardboard hasn't been being picked up. Miami Shores doesn't seem to know their own protocol. It seems like we're outgrowing them – they are not picking up all the cardboard because they don't want to make two trips to the village.

Choices between: Miami Shores, Miami Dade County, Waste Pro. Issues to be considered:

- Rolling bins vs. smaller bins – rolling bins have double amount of recycling
- Savings in garbage costs; \$7,600 for Biscayne Park in total with a new program
- Cost of \$2.50/resident for Miami Dade County
- Miami Dade comes every 2 weeks
- Miami Dade trucks can come through, proven access
- In the past, there have been concerns with the look of the large bins; also concern that we're not supporting our neighboring community – if we pull out, will it affect them?

We give Miami Shores \$35,000/year for recycling program. We're on month to month plan with them, can cancel with thirty day notice.

Recycling outreach – consider putting a sheet about recycling in the door know outreach. At events, do promotion of educational materials about recycling.

ACTION: Next meeting we'll take a vote and pass recommendation to the Commission.

Electronic Recycling – Have a day to pick up TVs, cell phones, computers, etc. Not a money earner – cost of picking up the materials. Keeps them out of the landfill.

Native Plant Sale – Last year, Citizens for a Better South Florida came and sold native plants. FPL, Whole Foods were there. Kids, demos, organic foods. Last year it was June 2nd. Consider doing something like that again this year.

Earth Hour – Bob Anderson send out message, so did Roxy Ross. Message about the hour was posted on Facebook page. Earth Hour After Party at Log Cabin with music and refreshments.

Native Plant - grant to plant native portion in a park area. Coconut palms would be expensive to move; may not be worth it.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:30

Minutes approved by: _____

On this _____ day of _____, 2013