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MINUTES

Ecology Board

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Ed Burke Recreation Center

11400 NE 9th Court Biscayne Park, Florida

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM

Present: Karen Cohen, Matt Davis, Marie Smith, Rich Strassberg, Tom Pliske (secretary *du jour*)

Guests: Bernard Pratt, (Maintenance Division); Barbara Kuhl, Dan Keys (Parks and Parkways)

Old Business: There was an animated discussion of the native plant demonstration tentatively scheduled for installation in the 116th St. median at the end of July. Barbara Kuhl noted that Parks and Parkways had not been consulted on this project, and it was the feeling of the conjoined group that both boards needed to have input as it fell within the domains of both. It was agreed informally that the project would be easier to implement if it centered on the grounds of the Recreation Center. Everyone subsequently went outside and were inspired to create a "pineland" –oriented native planting in an appx. 1000 ft² area west of the R.C. and north of the basketball court. Tom Pliske agreed to work with Dan Keys and to attend the next PP meeting on 18 July to further discuss the planting with other PP board members.

Bernard Pratt supported the project plans by assuring us that his crews could provide mulch and water as needed, though everyone thought it would be wise to do the planting before the end of the rainy season. The expanded version of the planting project will very likely have a larger budget and a date after the original plan of 28 July.

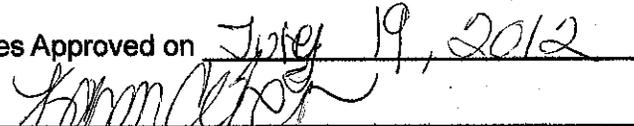
New Business: Commissioner Watts had made enquiries about whether Biscayne Park needed to have a tree ordinance. Matt Davis pointed out that Miami-Dade County already had a tree ordinance and that any separate Village ordinance would need to meet the standards of the MDC ordinance. There was discussion on whether or not having our own ordinance was a good idea or not and about how it could be implemented and funded.

Karen Cohen moved,

"The Ecology Board should inform the Village commissioners that we are under the MDC tree ordinance. We welcome the commissioners' discussion upon their reading of the MDC tree ordinance"

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM amid sentiments of *comeraderie* among the EB and PP Boards.

Minutes Approved on July 19, 2012


Karen Cohen, Chair