

BISCAYNE PARK ECOLOGY BOARD

JULY 19, 2012

Present: Karen Cohen
Richie Strassberg
Tom Pilske
Marie T. Smith

Absent: Matt Davis

Chairperson Karen Cohen called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of June 21 meeting and Minutes of joint meeting between the Ecology and Parks & Parkway meeting July 5, 2012 were approved.

A discussion followed and reporting was done on the joint meeting of the Ecology board & Parks & Parkway July 5. The intent of the pineland project was to mimic real settings or landscape grouping in the area of the Recreational Center, close to the basketball area and on the back area of the complex. The existing three coconut palms near the basketball area would eventually be removed. Funding would have to be obtained for the project and the removal of the palms. It was agreed that the palms could remain until a future date and a site selected for their replanting. The figure of \$250 funding for this project would be inadequate, realistically the figure could be estimated at \$750. The species suggested by Tom for planting would be slash pines, Dade County pines, saw palmetto, fire bush, small holly, West Indian liliac, and various grass species

Fund raising ideas would have to be discussed by both boards at future meetings. Flyers could be delivered to residents, a fund raising idea mentioned by Commission Ross would be the funding thru memorial trees; trees funded by residents with memorial plaques. The tree to remain the property of the Village; and the ownership of the memorial sign to the resident. This funding idea would be further discussed at joint meetings.

Recycling was discussed placing the information in the forthcoming newsletter, getting children involved with naming a "super hero" to head the project, informing the residents thru flyers, etc.

Tom reported that the native tree planting demonstration would be delayed since the FIU students would not be available due to summer recess.

It was suggested that Director Issa be invited to our next meeting

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.