



**PARKS &
PARKWAY
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Dan Keys
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Randy Wagoner**

**Alternate
Barbara Kuhl**

**MINUTES
PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD
Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9th Court
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Present – Dan Keys, Barbara Kuhl, Robert Silverman and Randy Wagoner. Guests - Village Manager, Heidi Shafran and Assistant to the Manager/Public Service Director, Candido Sosa-Cruz. Residents Gage Hartung and Andrew Olis.
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS – Discussion of screw pine plant on 10 Avenue at 115 Street.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM)
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of May 16, 2012, July 18, 2012, August 29, 2012 and September 19, 2012 were deferred and the minutes of January 4, 2014 were approved unanimously.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Village staff status report
 1. General median maintenance – The Board was informed by Mr. Sosa-Cruz that the Village was responding to the Board's previous concern about weed eater damage to median plant materials, by establishing cleared areas around them through the use of Roundup herbicide.

The presence of median damage caused by vehicles was pointed out (115 st and NE 6th Avenue mentioned specifically). Barbara Kuhl asked that the Police Department not let people off the hook with warning when they see the illegal crossing taking place. Mr. Sosa-Cruz mentioned that although the Police Department needed to see the crossings taking place, the Code Enforcement officer could issue warnings without seeing the actual crossing when there was an obvious violator.

Repair of the damaged irrigation system on NE 6th Avenue was discussed and Staff informed the Board that no funding for its repair was available at this time.

2. Tree removal and tree trimming issues – Mr. Andrew Olis and Mr. Gage Hartung addressed the Board and asked about the proposed



and approved removal of the Screw Pine (Pandanus) located in the median of NE 10th Ave at 115 Street. The residents asked that the plant not be removed. The Board advised them that since Pandanus is not a canopy tree and that the Board's efforts supported by the Commission has been to establish canopy trees in appropriate locations as the foundation for the median plantings. A recommendation for the Pandanus removal had previously been made to and subsequently approved by the Commission. There was no funding for transplanting of this plant material, which had been an unapproved planting by a resident many years previous.

3. Athletic field turf maintenance – The Board mentioned that the Athletic field was looking good with the exception of some weed problems and a small amount of mole cricket damage. Mr. Keys advised that he had been informed that treatment for these issues had already been planned. The proactivity of staff in this regard was praised. The Village Manager was asked to continue strong funding for the maintenance of the field in the next fiscal year's budget.

4. Athletic field irrigation system maintenance – The Board was informed that staff had resolved a valve failure issue.

5. Highway Beautification Grant Proposal made for NE 6th Ave – the Board was informed that the Village had received notice that it had been awarded funding for the replacement of palms on NE 6th Avenue.

B. Sixth th Ave. Bridge Grant – Mr. Keys advised that he and Mr. Sos-Cruz had marked out the location of the proposed bridge planting. Mr. Sos-Cruz advised that the FDOT was requiring some adjustments to these locations due to the proximity of some of the palms to the Canal. Mr. Cruz was asked to contact the FDOT to ask if any movement in this requirement was possible.

6. NEW BUSINESS - Discussion of placement for new "Zaluski" sculpture in Griffing Park. Staff requested recommendations for the specific siting of the "Zaluski" sculpture in Griffing Park. After discussion, the Board recommended a location roughly in lin with the Arthur Griffing Plaque and Monument on the 6th Avenue edge of the park. Mr. Sosa-Cruz would mark the location and individually ask Board members for any objections.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE – Tentatively March 19, 2014.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 PM



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Minutes approved on _____

By: _____
Dan Keys, Chair