



## *The Village of Biscayne Park*

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**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**NEW VILLAGE HALL**  
**640 NE 114<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Wednesday, DECEMBER 9, 2015 at 7:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Barbara Kuhl, Randy Wagoner and Dan Keys were present. Kimberlee Misek was absent. Residents, Gary Kuhl, Janey Anderson and Milton Hunter were present. Village Clerk, Maria Camara and Village Manager Heidi Siegel represented staff. Commissioners Barbara Watts and Roxanna Ross were present.
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS - None
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - As indicated below.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of November 24, 2015, were approved.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. General median maintenance – No discussion this meeting
  - B. Tree removal and tree trimming issues – No discussion this meeting.
  - C. Athletic field turf maintenance – No discussion this meeting.
  - D. Highway Beautification Grant Proposal made for median of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave – The Village Manager advised that the bids had been received for the replacement plant material, and the costs were very high relative to the funding. Investigations into alternatives were ongoing.
  - E. Sixth th Ave. Bridge Grant - No discussion this meeting.
  - F. Discussion of progress on design/installation of secondary entrance signage related to Miami-Dade County grant funding. Landscape plans for the signage were presented and Board members and attending residents expressed that the number of tall plants behind the signs seemed excessive and over bearing and that there were concerns about the saw palmetto plants on either side of the signs as related to possible sight line visibility as the plants grew. There was also concern that the plants for in front of the signs would grow to tall. The Village Manager advised that she would request that a representative from Sovino and Miller attend the next meeting in order to discuss these items and any resulting adjustments to the plans.
  - G. Tree fertilization update - No discussion this meeting.



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- H. "Million Orchid" project - No discussion this meeting.
- I. Resolution of "Conflicting Tree Location" issues - No discussion this meeting.
- J. Restoration of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave irrigation – No discussion this meeting.
- K. Discussion of changes made to landscape in front of 113 St. entrance sign – No discussion this meeting.
- L. Discussion regarding proposal to repurpose athletic field and proposed Vita Course – The Board asked about the fund raising effort of the Biscayne Park Foundation for this project and wondered if there were any plans as to how to implement the proposal. The Board asked if there had been any discussions as to its location and possible interference with other uses at the Recreation Center, etc.? Had there been any studies done as to the need or significant desire by residents for such an improvement. The Board expressed some concerns regarding these issues and suggested that its members could provide valuable insight into the planning process and it requested full involvement in that process should the project move towards becoming a reality. It was generally suggested that there might be some presentation to several Boards regarding the proposal so that the Commission could consider additional input.

Reference was made to the master plan for the recreation center that was prepared several years ago and Board members mentioned that some trees had been installed without full consideration of the plan. Specifically, two Arbor Day plantings had been made which were contrary to that plan. The Board advised that in one case a smaller maturing tree had been chosen which would not canopy over certain intended areas and in another case, a species was planted in a location where it would later likely interfere with the Volleyball court. The Board offered its assistance with picking Arbor Day planting locations and tree species. The Village Manager agreed that the Parks and Parkways Board would be asked for its input.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of landscaping around the log cabin and screening of the electric panel – Open discussion took place between members and the public regarding how to screen the electric panels and the air-conditioning units on the South side of the log cabin. Dan Keys proposed for discussion, the possibility of the installation of some sort of metal, wood or possibly plastic screen in addition to landscaping. The methods and possible location of the screen and the materials to be used were part of the general discussion. Dan suggested that a decorative screen could be tightly constructed around the electric boxes and that doors could provide necessary and safe access on their West side. He felt that this would consolidate the appearance of the boxes, which could then be further screened by less dense plant



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material. Additionally, he proposed that providing a low decorative screen around the air-conditioning units and the water supply apparatus could allow for a less cumbersome landscape. Member Barbara Kuhl and resident Gary Kuhl advised that they were not in favor of the screen idea as they felt that it would visually accentuate the presence of these mechanical elements. No resolution was forthcoming and the general idea was that this did not need to be decided at the December meeting. The Village Manager confirmed, as the Board had been previously advised, that the electrical boxes would be painted prior to the ribbon cutting.

Discussion shifted to how to prepare the building for the grand opening in January. Consensus was that landscaping could wait for a comprehensive design and the Village Manager suggested that the ground area around the cabin could be nicely mulched and it was subsequently agreed that Pine Bark mulch should be used for this with a different mulch being used for the building access paths. This work would be accomplished as part of the Martin Luther King day of service along with grading and cleanup activities.

- B. Discussion of landscaping and fencing at the Recreation Center basketball court - No discussion this meeting.
- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE – It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2015 at 7 PM at the new Village Hall.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT at 9:28 P.M.

Minutes of December 9, 2015, were approved on \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Keys, Chair