



# The Village of Biscayne Park

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## PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD

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## **MINUTES** **PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD** 640 NE 114<sup>th</sup> Street, Biscayne Park, FL Wednesday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00PM

### A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

In attendance - Barbara Kuhl, Mercedes Diaz, Lynn Fischer, and Audra McCollum

Village Staff - Krishan Manners and David Hernandez

Commission Member - Dan Samaria

Public - Dan Keys

### B. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

None

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM)

Specified below.

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 21, 2019 minutes were approved unanimously.

### E. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. **Plan for new tree planting on medians**

Various options for replacement trees were discussed and it was decided that a more thorough survey is required. Barbara mentioned setting up a workshop to review the tree planting locations identified in an earlier survey. David will get back to the board regarding the streets where he plans to commence the first phase of median tree plantings.

#### 2. **Tree removal and tree trimming issues**

The following issues were addressed.

- a. Tree trimming - Public works is focusing on ensuring unobstructed public right of way as well as safety considerations. For example, lower limbs of trees that are blocking street signs are being lifted. Details of public works' maintenance work can be viewed in the manager's report.
- b. Australian pine tree removal - David suggested that the most potentially hazardous trees, due to rotting, senescence or prior storm damage, be identified and brought up to the commission before moving forward on obtaining an estimate. He furthermore expressed that an arborist should be hired to conduct a hazard

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evaluation and that the evaluation's results be presented to the commission as justification for tree removal. Barbara was in accordance with David's suggestion.

### **3. Village Sign - new installation**

As an alternative to placing the signs at the remaining Biscayne Park entrance street corners, Lynn suggested that the extra sign's be placed by the police station, rec center, etc. Barbara inquired whether it is cost-effective to install one sign or install all four in one shot. David as well as other board members agreed to consider other locations.

### **4. Athletic field turf maintenance and restoration**

The following issues were addressed.

- a. Athletic field turf maintenance and restoration - David confirmed that Ballpark Maintenance has applied chemical fertilizer to the field minus any spraying of pesticides. However, it should be noted that chemical fertilizer still introduces toxic metals and chemicals into the soil and groundwater. Furthermore, the conventional application of chemical fertilizers is usually combined with weed killers, which further increases toxicity.
- b. Sidewalk repairs - David has commissioned a contractor to repair the broken sidewalk around the field. The repairs will be conducted in the beginning of May.

### **5. Sixth Ave. bridge landscaping - maintenance and restoration**

This agenda item is put on hold until David meets with Mercedes to discuss alternatives. David left the meeting.

### **6. Landscaping at log cabin**

Approved by board.

### **7. Butterfly garden - 1145h St. median landscaping and irrigation**

The butterfly garden needs weeding and mulching. Barbara is coordinating a weeding and/or mulching event on the last Friday of the month - April 26. Public Works will be asked to edge the bed before mulch is applied.

### **8. Landscaping at Recreation Center entrance**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

### **9. Landscape development for 121 Street median**

This agenda item requires David's input and will be discussed in the next meeting.

### **10. Community Garden**

The scope is leaning more towards a small community garden project rather than a self-sustaining permaculture demonstration site. The question of who will voluntarily provide consistent horticultural



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maintenance of the community garden was raised however a viable solution was not reached. To be discussed further.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

None

### 7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday - May 16, 2019 at 7pm.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes approved on June 20, 2019

By:   
Barbara Kuhl, Chair