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Village Hall

640 NE 114th Street, Biscayne Park, FL

Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present - Barbara Kuhl, Lynn Fischer, Audra McCollum

Staff - David Hernandez

B. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM)

None

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of Minutes April 18, 2019

It was noted that minutes from the previous meeting would be delivered by Mercedes Diaz

5. OLD BUSINESS

a) Discussion on new tree planting 2019 – Barbara Kuhl expressed she would like to find a good nursery. Using natives and non-natives was discussed. David Hernandez stated that his staff is committed to planting and mentioned the importance of checking lines, clearance and pipes, etc. It was brought up that Mercedes Diaz is drawing up the maps electronically.

b) Tree removal and tree trimming 2019 – Barbara Kuhl stated that she had recently walked 8th Ave., just south of 120th St., and noticed a mahogany in bad shape. David Hernandez said he would look at it the next day. He added that the Public Works Dept. has been trimming and lifting the canopy the last three weeks, but that it's been rainy weather.

c) Athletic field turf maintenance and restoration – David Hernandez stated that Public Works is trimming the field every Friday and every 3rd week they have been fertilizing. The restoration quote was approximately \$50,000 to re-sod. Safety was discussed as was the turf maintenance contract. The general consensus was to continue to "let it sit" as we head toward a more organic approach.

d) Sixth Avenue Bridge Landscaping – maintenance and restoration – Lynn Fischer stated that the dead spots should be removed, and Lynn and Barbara expressed to David Hernandez that the landscaping should not be trimmed down.



e) Sixth Avenue irrigation and landscaping update – David Hernandez commented that just because there's irrigation doesn't mean we're getting water to the landscaping. David stated he spent some money and changed the 4 feet irrigation system to 8 & 12 feet length, changed the sprinkler heads and installed timers. Everything is now working and new pentas were planted. Topsoil has been ordered and they're mulching. The consensus is that 6th Ave. is looking much better.

f) Update Butterfly Garden 114th St. median & irrigation – Last Friday of each month is the scheduled date for the board members to weed the garden.

g) Update on Landscaping at Rec Center entrance & Log Cabin – Barbara Kuhl has some firebush and three other plants to add to the current landscaping. David Hernandez mentioned he would get quote for LED 30" Bollard Concrete lights but was concerned it would ruin the new landscaping as he would need to trench. Barbara Kuhl mentioned her husband Gary suggested pole lights, so kids don't jump over the concrete type lights. David Hernandez agrees and doesn't think Bollard lights are the right approach, maybe up lights. He asked us to investigate other rec center lighting design ideas and come back to him with a different design so that we don't spend \$14,000 on lighting that children might jump or stand on and that won't require removing plants. It was agreed by all that the Log Cabin has a more urgent need for lighting. Apart from Halloween and Food n Tunes it was noted the rec center isn't used as much in the evenings now that meetings are in Log Cabin.

Lynn Fischer reminded Barbara Kuhl that Commissioner Dan Samaria requested we place a "Butterfly Garden" sign at the Rec Center plantings and a motion was passed for the sign. Butterfly Garden Certification and the idea of adding Frogfruit and Milkweed to the landscaping was also discussed.

h) Update on landscape development for 121 St. median – David Hernandez stated he met with the City Manager of North Miami and asked they create a Memo of Understanding. David has discussed with the Village Attorneys and they now have a Landscape Maintenance Agreement and the lawyers are negotiating the agreement with North Miami – it will address liabilities, dumping, planting. At this point, both parties agree that any plantings must be agreed upon by both cities.

i) Community Garden discussion – Audra McCollum stated she wants to look into grants and do more research including possible sponsors. She has visited the North Miami 135th St Garden (Enchanted Forest) and it looks like a butterfly garden, but many people were using the benches and enjoying it and lots of bees and butterflies were seen. Barbara Kuhl suggested speaking with Issa at the Rec Center for possible summer camp involvement and locations near Rec Center. Audra McCollum stated she had looked around the Rec Center area and while it might work there, she reiterated she was still interested in a location near Village Hall for the Community Garden.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Permaculture Discussion – tabled in Mercedes Diaz's absence.

b) Public Comments discussion – In the interest of minimizing the length of time the meetings are taking, a Motion passed for Public Comments to be permitted only at the beginning and end of the Parks and Parkway Advisory Board Meetings, only with the exception of items opened to public discussion by the Chair.



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c) Agenda items for next meeting – none added.

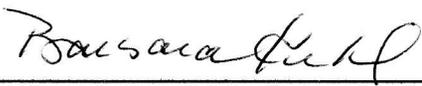
7. NEXT MEETING DATE –

June 20th, 2019 at 7pm

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 pm

Minutes approved on June 20, 2019

By: 
Barbara Kuhl, Chair