



**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES FROM MEETING ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
6:30PM VILLAGE HALL**

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dana Pezoldt, Nick Stoetzer, Mary Liz Maggio, Jamie Wasser, & Rebecca Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Darby Delsalle & Travis Kendall, Department of Planning and Zoning

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Isaac & Sara Del Sol representing Isaac Dixie Holdings

Joyce & James McGhee, Co-Owners of Alexander School along with Brette Rothfield, Business Manager Alexander School and Jennifer Briley, Architect

- I. **Approval of minutes** – MaryLiz makes motions to accept the minutes and Nick seconds the motion.

- II. **Discussion Items – Darby Delsalle**
 - a. Proposal that an art show take place with the funding from AIPP funds. The board is adamantly opposed to the use of funds for an art show that does not follow the intention of those funds nor the ordinance.
 - b. The Village Council's decision to refuse the Thalatta proposal and directive given to re-post a new call to artists and the Board is in agreement.

- III. **Public Presentation / Discussion**
 - a. Isaac Del Sol of Isaac Dixie Holdings returned to discuss address problems with fulfilling the AIPP requirement the Palmetto Bay Point Building. His proposal was to install a water fountain in lieu of his AIPP commitment. He was reminded that this process began in 2010 whereby the board and Village Council approved the artist that was selected by Mr. Del Sol and that Mr. Del Sol did not want to display the sculpture for fear of theft. Two original board members were present during that process explaining that artwork must be appraised by certified appraisers and not galleries, therefore resulting in the Board's dismissal of the donation of only two works that did not total the original AIPP commitment. The placement of the sculpture was also discussed to address his fears about original piece getting stolen. His concerns about who was

responsible for upkeep/maintenance were assuaged by reading the ordinance to him detailing AIPP roles.

- b. The outstanding AIPP portion owed is \$18,750 and that the appraisal for the 7 pieces of Purvis Young paintings came out to be \$14,100.
- c. The Board clarified that these pieces would go into an Art Bank and displayed either in Village Hall or any newly developed public spaces but cannot be displayed inside his private business
- d. The fountain was rejected unanimously by the Board as the fountain is a mass produced, fabricated piece that does not constitute as art. Nick made the motion and Mary Liz seconded the motion passing unanimously.
- e. Nick made the recommendation for the owners to accept the following options:
 - 1. Make a full payment of \$18,750 to the AIPP fund.
 - 2. To reposition the original sculpture approved by the Village Council five years ago to another public space.
 - 3. Make the donation of the artwork of 7 Purvis Young original art pieces for their appraisal value and for the differential amount to be paid by Mr. Del Sol

IV. Public Presentation / Discussion #2

- a. Presentation by Alexander School for their presentation for approval of their integrated public art within the design of their new school being built on Ludlum.
- b. Their outstanding presentation of laser cut aluminum panels ranging from 16 feet to 5 feet (each original in design) by artist Elena Manfredini of L.A., California.
- c. Motion to accept by Dana and seconded by MaryLiz and Board unanimously agreed to accept this proposal and complimented them on the best example of integrated public art to date.

V. New Business

- a. Discussion and review of ordinance which covers murals within the ordinance and that the Board must approve. Dana motioned to approve the increase to \$60,000 for the call and Nick seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- b. New RFP to be developed for Thallata Park and the Board directed by staff to expand the call through various public call to artists sites and in particular CAFÉ.
- c. Motion made by Nick and seconded by MaryLiz to allow Darby and or Travis to present update on Thallata.
- d. Quote for \$21,000 to repair artwork at the 168th roundabout by Joshua Weiner.

- e. Board Chair, Nick requested the balance of the AIPP funds which staff, Travis Kendall reported to be \$241,892.
- f. The Board is interested in revisiting a Master Plan.

VI. Adjourn

- a. Meeting ended at approximately 8:30.

D. L. and Colleen - Peroldt
10/29/2015 *6:42* approved



**Minutes of the Charter Revision Commission Meeting
September 17, 2015
9705 E. Hibiscus Street, Palmetto Bay, FL**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The following members of the Charter Review Commission were present:

Fidel Barreto
Patrick Fiore
George Hoffman
David Quick
David Zisman
John DuBois (non-voting member)

The following staff members were present:

Dexter Lehtinen, Village Attorney
Meighan Alexander, Village Clerk
Village Manager Edward Silva

2. Consideration of approval of Minutes of August 27, 2015

Mr. Hoffman moved to approve the Minutes, as drafted. Seconded by Mr. Barreto. All voted in favor.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Continued review of Charter

There were no comments, modifications, or suggestions concerning Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, and 7.5.

Concerning Section 7.6 Lobbyists (A), Mr. Quick remarked that the definition is too broad, as a receptionist in a firm could give a donation and the entire firm could be prohibited from lobbying.

Attorney Lehtinen stated that it would be a fair question to ask who would be attributed to representing the firm. Vice Mayor DuBois suggested that a check in the name of the firm would certainly be problematic under this section.

Mr. Zisman remarked that this provision seems to be an inhibition of a person's first amendment rights.

Councilman Tim Schaffer entered the meeting.

Attorney Lehtinen noted that it was also problematic, as when a person makes a contribution, the person doesn't know which candidate will win the election.

Following brief comments, Mr. Zisman moved to eliminate "No person or firm" and replace with "A registered lobbyist or lobbyist firm". Seconded by Mr. Quick. All voted in favor.

There were no additional comments with regard to that Section.

Attorney Lehtinen briefly explained how Section 7.7 states that the Charter is the ruling document.

With regard to Article VIII, Mr. Quick remarked that it was not necessary. Mr. Zisman agreed, but added that it is also not necessary to remove it, as it may cause voter confusion. A similar comment was made concerning Section 9.1.

With regard to Section 9.2, Vice Mayor DuBois remarked that this section was unnecessary. Attorney Lehtinen remarked that Miami-Dade County would have to vote to allow the Village to leave these services, regardless of whether the Section remained in the Charter.

Vice Mayor DuBois asserted that if the County is not meeting its obligation, such as not maintaining County rights-of-way, then the Village should take over the service.

Mr. Zisman remarked that the Mayor and Council could lobby the Board of County Commissioners to get better services.

Vice Mayor DuBois stated that as long as the language remains in the Charter, it may be difficult to ask the County to allow the Village to assume responsibility for certain County services. Attorney Lehtinen stated that the Charter can contain whatever language the voters choose; however, removing the language would not change the Village's commitments to the County and the County clearly has to provide the services.

Mr. Zisman moved to remove the obsolete paragraph of Section 8.1 "Interim Adoption of Codes and Ordinances." Seconded by Mr. Hoffman. All voted in favor.

Vice Mayor DuBois stated that the Council needs to discuss raising the issue of services with the Board of County Commissioners.

With regard to Article X, Section 10.1 "Private School Expansion", Mr. Zisman moved to remove this Section. Seconded by Mr. Hoffman. All voted in favor.

Discussion ensued. Manager Silva stated that a private school expansion must be approved by the Council regardless. Mr. Zisman added that the regular process of seeking a variance seems appropriate.

Section 10.2 "Neighborhood Protection". Mr. Zisman stated that this Charter provision was promoted by the former Mayor Shelley Stanczyk, and Ms. Joan Lindsay, and Mr. Jerry Templer for the purpose of restricting businesses.

Mr. Quick stated that if an applicant sought re-zoning, the matter would have to go through the proper channels before coming to the Council.

Mr. Zisman suggested that language such as, "all facets of the community shall seek to coexist in harmony while keeping taxes low" could be considered. Mr. Quick stated that from an attorney's perspective, broad language would allow litigation to continue for many years and could be costly to the Village.

Vice Mayor DuBois asked if a change to the Parks Master Plan would be bound by this Section. Clerk Alexander replied that the Code requires a 4/5 vote regardless.

Mr. Fiore stated that Section 10.2.1 needs to be removed or modified. He remarked that different language may be more acceptable to voters, but the words "Neighborhood Protection" are important to many people. Mr. Barreto concurred, as did Mr. Hoffman.

Following brief comments, Attorney Lehtinen opined that the section is vague and impossible to implement on its own terms. Mr. Quick suggested changing the vote to a majority vote may not be offensive and may be approved by the voters. Vice Mayor DuBois concurred, adding that the provision is aspirational, with the exception of the 4/5 vote.

Mr. Quick moved to change Section 10.2.2. to read "A majority vote", rather than "Four affirmative votes". All voted in favor.

Mr. Zisman suggested discussing 10.2.1 at a future date.

Section 10.3 Annexation Process: Vice Mayor DuBois stated that he was not certain why "plurality" was included in this section. Mr. Zisman noted that he is aware of a group that wishes to annex the west side of the US-1, the commercial area, from the busway east. He remarked that the Commission can revise or not revise this Section.

Attorney Lehtinen stated that he believed County law allowed a city to initiate annexation procedures. Vice Mayor DuBois remarked that a 4/5 vote would not be difficult; either annexation of an area is acceptable or not.

Mr. Quick stated that the Village can also initiate an annexation process. Attorney Lehtinen stated that the provision seems to be controlling Council action when a citizen initiative petition is received. Clerk Alexander stated that that was the intention when the matter was raised in the past. Attorney Lehtinen stated that it is clearly a legislative issue, not a quasi-judicial matter; therefore, he believes that extraordinary votes on legislative matters are acceptable.

The Commission concurred to leave the matter as is.

5. Discussion of next steps and establishment of schedule for future meetings

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for October 22.

The Commission briefly discussed coordinating a Town Hall Meeting. The matter will be further discussed at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by the Charter Revision
Commission this ____ day of
November, 2015.

Meighan Alexander, Village Clerk

David Zisman, Chairperson

**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
EDUCATIONAL COMPACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
9705 E. Hibiscus Street
Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157**

Attendance: Committee Liaison – Mayor Eugene Flinn; Committee Members – Orestes Mayo, Chairperson, Diane Quick, Pam Tabor; Councilmember – Karyn Cunningham; Village Employees – Ed Silva, Village Manager; Members of the Public – Nancy Lawther, 1st Vice President of Advocacy and Legislation, Miami-Dade County Council for PTA and PTSA, Ellen J. Book, Branch Manager, Pinecrest and Country Walk branches, Miami-Dade County Public Library System; Boy Scout Troop 270 (Paul Mauerman, interim Scout Master, Abel Palma, Scout Leader, Tanisha Jarrett, parent and godmother to troop members, and seven members of troop 270).

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Mayo at 6:44 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2015 meeting by Ms. Quick and seconded by Ms. Tabor. Minutes approved.
3. Public Comments
 - a. Introduction of Members of the Public
 - b. Ellen J. Book, Branch Manager, Pinecrest and Country Walk branches, Miami-Dade County Public Library System
 - i. Presented on online resources available on the mdpls.com website. Increased budget has resulted in better hours of operation, more staff and extensive resources.
 - ii. Children’s resources for homework and general learning connect students directly to sites geared towards children. This includes free accounts for sites that otherwise have usage fees. To access all sites, all that is needed is a library card.
 1. Ms. Book provided overview of the following resources: online tutoring (live tutoring offered from 3-11pm), science experiments, magazine subscriptions, virtual storybook reading, encyclopedia, practice tests, software courses, testing resource center, scholarship search, career tools, teen resources and language instruction.
 - iii. The library competes with paid apps including Hulu, Netflix, Rosetta Stone and iTunes.
 - iv. For adults, resources include business and investment site links (ex: Morningstar website is free), streaming digital books, music and magazines.

- v. Ms. Book's presentation is part of the Committee's effort to connect the Library to the Village residents and falls under the following portion of Education Compact: Student Achievement (#2 on page 2).
- vi. What can Village do to better promote resources of the library?
 - 1. Mayor Flinn states that he wants to create a seamless cooperation between schools, library and parks.
 - 2. Mr. Mayo states that he would like to add key components of the library services on the Village's website under the "education" tab, and falls under the following portion of Education Compact: Communications (#2 on page 6)
 - 3. Ms. Cunningham asks who is the community outreach person for the library system? She would like to connect that person to Mr. Mayo.
- c. Million Orchid Project
 - i. Mr. Mayo is announcing Village of Palmetto Bay partnership with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (FTBG) and BioTech High School. Purpose is to increase the survival of orchid seeds to produce more orchid plants. Long term project is to repopulate the area with native orchids. The lab at BioTech High School is producing the orchids which will be added to local trees by FTBG. City of Coral Gables also entered into a partnership with Million Orchid Project.
 - ii. Mr. Mayo provided Troop 270 with an explanation of the project, including photos of creating the best environment through which the orchids can grow.
 - iii. Mr. Mayo discussed other projects being conducted at BioTech High School. Graduate students from area universities are taking part in projects and the school continues to use a \$10 million dollar grant to purchase high tech equipment. Applications for admission to BioTech High School are accepted in October of a student's 8th grade year.
 - 1. Mayor Flinn suggests connecting the proposed Village Internship program with BioTech High School.
- d. Nancy Lawther (1st Vice President of Advocacy and Legislation, Miami-Dade County Council for PTA and PTSA)
 - i. County PTA is concerned about the recent resignations of members of Congress and its impact on the passage of the rewrite of the No Child Left Behind Act. It is encouraging Florida Senators to include in the Senate version of the bill rewrite the proposal by Representative Curbelo regarding the test scores of non native English speakers. PTA is supporting the Curbelo amendment adopted by the House that is not currently in the Senate bill. District supports this as well.
 - ii. County PTA also is concerned about the funding levels of the State of Florida. Supporting position of the District to ask for an increase of 5% per year in education funding for K-12 until such time as Florida meets or exceeds the nationwide per pupil average. Florida is in 42nd place nationwide for amount of funds given per pupil.

1. Ms. Book asked why funds connected to a charter school student do not port back to the public school if a student transfers to public school. Ms. Lawther noted that there is language in proposed legislation to have the money port with the student.
- iii. County PTA is concerned about constitutional change to class size amendment. Mr. Mayo asks to table this until New Business (#5)
- iv. County PTA partnered with several organizations to call on Governor Scott to issue an executive order suspending the application of the 2015 results to the accountability system and to pause the accountability system as it is currently written until it has undergone an extensive, transparent review. Asking for a pause to gain common sense to this process. School grades this year, if released, will be based solely on test scores and teacher evaluations. Student gains will not be factored into the grades.

4. Pending Items/Updates

- a. Continue to work with District on the Matrix
 - i. Mr. Mayo provided a summary of the matrix to the members of the public. Provides as an example the upcoming park clean up on November 7, 2015 from 8am-11am at Coral Reef Park. Community service hours will be given to high school students. A flyer will be distributed by the Village; any interested student is invited to show up to participate. No need to register ahead of time.
 1. Mayor Flinn asked Mr. Mayo to provide information for inclusion in the State of the Village address.

5. New Business

- a. Discuss Dade Partners with BioTech High School
 - i. Mr. Mayo says that the school will be approaching the Village with a proposal for partnership.
- b. Appoint individual school liaison positions amongst the Committee members
 - i. Coral Reef Elementary - Ms. Watts; Palmetto High – Diane Quick; Perrine Elementary – Ms. Tabor; Southwood Middle – pending; Howard Drive Elementary - pending
- c. Review school information form
 - i. Viability of items in the form
 1. Committee will create a form to ensure that schools provide important information that should be distributed to the Committee and Village. Will allow all to coordinate events.
 2. Mr. Mayo will draft the form that will be shared with Committee members for suggestions and edits.
 - ii. Protocol for contacting schools before and after Committee meetings
 1. Establish a contact person at each school who knows to expect outreach from the Committee. Set a timeframe for reaching out before the

meeting and after the meeting to thank them for attending. Should include this protocol in the formation of the form.

- iii. Mr. Mauerman asked whether remote access to Committee meetings is available.
- d. Discussion/suggestions re: encouraging schools to use Park facilities (i.e. drama at the library, dance/hop at Thalatta or Coral Reef)
 - i. Mr. Ed Silva, Village Manager, is working with Palmetto High School on potentially performing drama productions at Village locations (stage at Ludovici Park).
 - ii. Mayor Flinn states that the purpose is to provide schools with a venue and bring people to Village facilities.
 - iii. Mr. Silva stated that the Village is in conversation again with Perrine Elementary School about hosting another art exhibit at Thalatta.
 - iv. Ms. Watt stated that Coral Reef Elementary students are interested in an art program. Can it be added to the aftercare program? Mayor Flinn says it is a question of facilities. Mr. Silva and Ms. Watts will discuss.
 - v. Mr. Mayo proposed a rotating exhibit at Village Hall featuring different schools each month. Idea was proposed earlier this year and will be brought up again once new school form has been created.
 - vi. Mayor Flinn recommends having Council member Larissa Siegal Lara to speak about teen events at Thalatta.
- e. Class Size Amendment – Palmetto Bay’s position and influence
 - i. Class size limits: 18 for elementary school, 22 for middle school, 25 for high school. Class size averages are viewed at a school-wide level. Ms. Lawther notes that many loopholes exist through which schools may circumvent class size limits. This includes blended classrooms, schools of choice (over 50% of public schools are schools of choice) and magnet schools. As a result, schools are not being penalized under the class size amendment. Mr. Mayo notes that schools built since the amendment passed were built to fit class size limits; as a result, classrooms are overcrowded.
 - ii. In 2017, the Constitutional Revision Commission will review the class size amendment. Legislators will attempt to work on this issue as part of a proposed constitutional amendment which would be on the 2018 ballot.
 - iii. Ms. Lawther sits on the Family and Community Involvement Council Budget Subcommittee, which provides recommendations from parent/community perspective on what the budget should look like. Principals have a similar committee and the two come together at the end of the process. Class sizes are a major issue addressed by the committee. Committee meets monthly; meetings are open to the public and dates are posted on the Dade County website.
 - iv. Class size will be a topic in the legislature this session.

- v. Palmetto Bay position and influence: Mayor Flinn suggests picking three or four legislative issues to propose that the Council supports. Bring it to the Council in November.
 - 1. Class size amendment – honor what voters voted for. Apply it to all classes / remove loopholes
 - 2. School funding and reconsider bringing back cost differential
 - 3. Recreate community schools / all schools with all electives
- vi. Mayor Flinn suggests adding to a spring agenda what the Village should ask of the School Board’s legislative agenda
- f. Possible Veteran’s monument and input from Committee
 - i. Mayor Flinn would like to put together a committee comprised of individuals from various current committees and the American Legion to create a plan to determine the ideal memorial and location. Would like to have the Education Advisory Committee involved. Public meetings – all residents will have a voice.
- g. Upcoming Village events and Committee involvement:
 - i. State of the Village (10/14/15)
 - ii. Bike By the Bay (10/17/15)
 - iii. Halloween Movie Night (10/30/15)
 - iv. Mayor Flinn suggests that the Committee create a teen event (e.g. a movie night, a teen dance, father/daughter dance). Purpose is to get local teens and kids involved locally.

6. Future Meeting Date

- a. Tuesday, November 3, 2015
- b. Wednesday, December 2, 2015
- c. Wednesday, January 6, 2016

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Quick, second by Ms. Watts. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Approved: _____

Date: _____



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY
 Minutes of the Village Service Committee Meeting of
 October 1, 2015 at 7:00pm
 Village Hall- 9705 East Hibiscus Street
 Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

7:00pm- Meeting called to order by Chairman Rex Lehmann

In attendance:

Committee Members:

Rex Lehmann, Chairman

Jon Beisenherz

Roger Snyder

Robert Buzzelli

Edward Silva, Village Manager

Larissa Segal-Lara, Committee Liaison

Corrice Patterson, Director of Palmetto Bay Public Services Dept.

Committee Liaison, Larissa Segal-Lara confirmed and reminded members of proper sunshine rules and procedures with regard to committee communication.

Agenda Item No. 1- Approval of August 13, 2015 Minutes

7:15 Committee Secretary, Eric Eikenberg, was absent, a motion was made and seconded to approve the approval of minutes from the last meeting held on August 13, 2015, at the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2- Public Comments

No members of the public present, therefore no public comments made.

Agenda Item No. 3- Presentation of Ideas to improve "Village Services"

New member Robert Buzzelli was welcomed. He replaces Dennis Singer, who resigned.

7:20 General Discussion- Members had general discussion and presentation of their topics for discussion and voting.

John Beisenherz addressed the topic cost for building permits process in the Village. He understand and assumes the Village wants the bldg. department to be as self-sufficient as possible, but in speaking with contractors, and other homeowners, the permit prices appear to be much higher than in other counties. The building department to make the permit costs more reasonable. He complained that he had to spend over \$700 for permits for a 10' x 22' screen enclosure with no pool, with total cost of enclosure being about \$4,000. He does give the building dept. props because they are very prompt with their inspections. If you call in for an inspection they are out

there within 24 hours and that's fantastic, but to get that permit for the 10x22 enclosure it took over three weeks. From a variety of contractors the biggest complaint is that the building dept. is slow. We are trying to encourage the build-out of the downtown region and improvement of residential properties which increases value and tax rolls.

Question was asked whether permit costs are based on value of job. John responded that he doesn't know the answer to that.

Roger Snyder had the following suggestions:

- Improvement and expansion of Ibus routes to include more businesses and areas like The Falls, the JCC, YMCA (external routing). Maybe businesses can sponsor some stops. System should provide scheduled service to locations outside of Palmetto Bay.
- Expansion of some of the natural gas system to provide more accessibility to residents.
- Improved bike paths
- Sidewalks and Curbs
- Limited Street lights
- Village wide Wi-Fi
- Block by Block beautification
- Traffic Calming

Question was asked on what would be the top two suggestions if Mr. Snyder had to pick. He responded bike path and traffic calming, but the easiest would be the Ibus changes. Mrs. Siegel Lara confirmed that all suggestions are definitely within the realm of our committee. These need to be prioritized because some of these issues are already active projects in the Village.

Robert Buzelli made the suggestion of improvements to the sidewalk on 87th avenue. They need to be leveled or repaired.

Rex Lehmann proposed to have signs similar to the ones Cutler Bay has to keep residents informed of the services of the Village. For example, Pincerest is doing a sidewalk project on 132nd street and they have signs up on "neighborhood workshop on sidewalks". We could have signs up around the 87th Ave traffic circle or maybe one on 136th to say "Budget Meeting or Council Meeting tonight", "Workshop tonight", "Check out the news on our Website". This would be a way to make the Village operation something that residents see every day and it's in the back of their minds. Costs could be offset with sponsorships.

Siegel-Lara- I think that all these suggestions, but if you remember we have a whole annual calendar to go through, at a minimum quarterly meeting, and our role as an advisory committee is to provide specific insight where possibly things have been missed by administration so that we address things that our residents are requesting. Most of these things have been or are being addressed. For example the permit costs are being reviewed, and actually have just been revised, so that could be something that is reviewed at the meeting. It would be a good idea to put together an FAQ version for all of these things. The Ibus expansion is a study that was requested, but the issue that we have is that our ridership is very low, and it's a very small route. Our buses a very out of date, so things are not good with our transportation service. We asked for a study (Corrice explained draft has been received and final study is expected to be ready in November), so this would actually be quite timely (Mr. Silva stated that he would like to present study to council first). It would be interesting to present to council first and have them approve this committee to review it and offer recommendations for next steps.

For sidewalks and the sidewalk repairs we also have a plan. There is a whole lay-out that we've been working on since the inception of the Village. We are about 25% complete and we are trying to expand with money that has been set aside for that purpose.

Corrice- I just wanted to mention that the 87th Avenue sidewalk that Mr. Buzelli mentioned belongs to County, so we will need to contact them about those improvements.

Siegel-Lara- Maybe that's another thing that we can do, and in many ways it's the same thing with traffic. We are limited as a municipality by charter and by the county charter on many of the ways that we govern ourselves, so we always have to operate within the bounds of the law, on the other hand we also receive a lot of services, and one of the things that I want to do is have the county traffic department attend the November council meeting and explain why it takes so long, and help us understand how the process works. What can we do to help residents better informed? Traffic calming, we are very active with that, but unfortunately our level of capability to affect changes is what it is. Bike paths just got on the budget and you may want to review the CIP to see the plans.

Mr. Silva- Some bike improvements will be an extension of the road with demarcations, some will be bike paths, we are proposing making 82nd Avenue wider on both sides by 2-3 feet, and reducing the traffic lanes by a foot on each side to make way for the bike lanes. We are actually going to illuminate the bike path at night with one-directional lights from 168th Street to the traffic circle. The Palmer Trinity will have a portion of the bike lane on 184th Street, pending county approval. We just stopped a county project on 79th avenue to Old Cutler Road because they were going to re-build the road but not put bike lanes in on 168th Street. We are in talks with the County for 136th Street for a bike lane there and we are going to be working a small project with the Deering Estate to make bike lanes there more pleasant. On October 17th we will also be meeting to discuss the initiation of a bike sharing program where you can rent a bike at the Deering Estate and there will be another station at Coral Reef Park. On 152nd Street, we also did a traffic study with the County to improve traffic flow there, and study has been extended to include our intersection all the way to 87th Avenue. Communications is the key with these projects.

After all presentations, Village Manager, Ed Silva clarified and brought forth information on the workings of the Village in relation to our suggestions.

- Ibus can only travel 2 miles outside of Village jurisdiction so we are restricted on what we can, or cannot do with the Ibus routes, that's the bad news, the good news is that Commissioner Cava's office will be trying to extend these limits for us with the county, because our Ibus study is telling us we need to go to other places. He also pointed out that the Metro-Dade Transit system works to limit the use of the I-Bus in order to keep its ridership up and monopolized. He has a meeting with Metro Transit on October 13th and will be discussing some issues with them.
- Permitting- out of your \$700 fee about \$300 of that were zoning charges. We have now cut the zoning fees to almost nothing, so that fee is considerably less. I appreciate your positive comments about a quick turn around and we changed and modified the building fees. We also change fees for projects under \$1,000 to about \$75 flat fee, and for jobs between \$1,000 and \$2,500 there is now a flat fee of \$125.00. It's the right thing to do for residents doing little jobs. There is also a push to make the overall process more owner-friendly.
- Gas lines- I would love to see gas lines through here and they would save us all a lot of money on electrical bills, however that is a monopoly and they have to be the ones willing to bring them in. It's up to them.

- Signs- We need to look at zoning codes, because I know that it is not allowed along the US-1 corridor. We have looked at the signs, and I can tell you that Cutler Bay spends \$25,000 on each one of those signs, and we cannot afford this, even though I do agree with putting out better messaging.
- The Curbs and block by block beautification are on-going projects.
- Street lights are being looked into. Residents can request lights on power poles in their back yards, but they have to make the request and pay for it. Mr. Silva explained that there will be an informational packet prepared for the committee's review at the next meeting.
- Traffic Calming- there are various traffic initiatives being set up right now. We already had our first meeting in Mr. Buzelli's area. We are actively trying to get the County to give us the restriction signs to control traffic.

At the end of all the presentations, it was decided that as most of the service committee's suggestions were being handled by the Village hierarchy, the service committee should make itself available to the Village for whatever their needs were. The Village Manager asked that the service committee group be the focus group for the Village's website. He pointed out that it is confusing and it can be difficult to find specific information. The committee agreed to assist the Village.

Siegel-Lara requested that the Service Committee develop a FAQ concerning these issues and publish them to give residents more information on the projects the Village is working on. These can be posted on the Village website.

It was also decided that the next meeting would be Wednesday, November 4th, and that the meeting agenda for the entire year would be developed to take effect after January, 2016. It was decided and approved that the tentative meetings would be on the first Wednesday of the month, after the Monthly Council meeting.

8:30 Meeting adjourned.



Village of Palmetto Bay

MINUTES OF THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: July 23, 2015 at 5:00 pm

Members Present:

Henry Clifford, Chairman (HC)
 Craig Grossenbacher (CG)
 Ranier W. Schael (Rainer)
 Anthony Sabbag (AS)

Board Member Don Pybas not present

Other Attendees:

Corrice E. Patterson, Dir. Of Public Works
 Luz Dominguez, Admin. Assistant

Meeting called to order by Chairman H. Clifford at 5:09 pm

Item 1- Approval of June 18, 2015 Minutes

Luz Dominguez distributed copies of the June 18, 2015 meeting minutes to Board Members present for final review and approval. Board Members proceeded to review, and no changes were requested. Craig Grossenbacher moved to approve minutes- All Board Members present agreed and approved.

Item 2- Public Comments

HC- stated no public comments made.

CP- Brought up past issue of resident who wanted tree removed from in front of his home. One threshold issue is whether or not to remove tree. Homeowner has right to file application, and we should consider whether it's a specimen tree. In his opinion, this is poorly written under County code. It mentions to describe the dbh of the tree you add the multiple trunks. There has already been an unofficial inspection by DERM, and determined the tree to be of 18". If it is not specimen, and the Village agrees to have it removed, we will agree. If I question its specimen, then DERM can decide.

AS- Only comment is that there is a view zone issue existing that should be taken into consideration.

HC- Accessory trunks are not there and tree is on a relatively high slope vs. measuring from the top. What we are missing is some kind of guideline for the Village. The real problem is who is going to pay for the removal of the tree.

CG- If Village wants, DERM to verify if specimen and review the code requirements, I will send, and if there is a particular tree limb to review I can have the County Arborist take a look at it too.

HC- If owner wants to trim tree he wouldn't have to ask for permission. If it were a weed tree or unpermitted tree it would not be an issue.

Item 3- Review of Fl. Highway Beautification Grant Application

CP- Confirmed award of the Urban Community Grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for purchase of a bucket truck for the Village. Advised that we will be applying for a Fl. Highway Beautification Grant again this year, and requested letters of support for grant application. Board agreed to help with application and provide letters as needed. Luz will provide Board with template letters of support for reference.

CP- Gave an update on the US-1 beautification project, and advised that the bulk of bid for US-1 beautification project is the irrigation. Re-bidding process only produced one bid again, from the same contractor that bid on it before.

Item 4- Discussion of Tree Management Plan

HC- Commented on the fact that the Etree program should open the files from the CD provided by ESciences with the tree inventory data. Luz confirmed receipt of readable data of tree inventory in the form of excel spreadsheets.

AS- Asked who will update the tree inventory, and Corrice confirmed that only administration can update it.

CG- Commented on plan be an overall good plan, with some minor changes still necessary. For example, the tree species list provided in the management plan needs to be dated, should include the scientific names of the trees, and should be categorized differently. Stated that the comprehensive plan should also include the forested areas of the Village. Mentioned the area across the street from Perrine Elementary as an example, and how it is not being managed and will be turned to residences soon. Mostly exotics and publicly owned nature preserve. It could be restored, but we need to have a process and policy to refer to in the future. We should also analyze prohibited trees.

HC- What about hurricane issues- nuisance trees?

CP- Asked whether the tree management plan will be a Resolution or a Landscaping Ordinance, since other county's tree management plans reference ordinances. This would provide residence guidance as to how the Village handles our tree inventory.

AS- The plan will last for future boards and we want council to see and review just the tree management plan, not the Five year Plan. The plan could mention it, but it would be a separate document that we can refer to. Anthony volunteered to take a look at the plan and revise as needed considering the suggestions received from other board members, to develop a final plan for review. Board agreed to have Anthony revise last draft of tree management plan and provide final copy. Luz will distribute final copy to board members for approval.

CP- Reminded board members that Manager mentioned in previous meeting that he would like to have plan ready to present to council in September.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm