

**Village of Palmetto Bay
Tree Advisory Board
Monday, January 6, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Clifford; Grossenbacher; Pybas; Fell; Jenna Crawford (appointed after meeting)

Liaison: Dr. Matson

For Village: Attorney John Dellagloria; Interim Manager Truitt; Director Torres; Director Pineda

1. Roll Call: Quorum

Off-Agenda Item (for Staff present): SW 80 Ave. palmettos and fence @7980 SW 154 Ter.

Staff reports that homeowner refused as inadequate an offer of 3 feet of ROW. General agreement that Village has gone as far as it should. Board reminds that the important thing here is preservation of an ecological feature (and a Village resource). Chair points to DERM's comments about required permits and County control of new NFC. Grossenbacher agrees that permits are required for work by Village, including removal of dead/dying Arjune tree in CRP. Manager asks re transplantability of Palmettos, suggests a conference call with R. Hammer. Chair suggests need and perhaps requirement to fence the Palmettos, entirely, as a resource. Says rock ledge 1-2 feet from the street starts the barrier.

2. Comments: Clerk wants Calendar set. Dr. Matson asks what should be passed to Board, need for more meetings to cover. Introduction Jenna Craawford, BS Horticulture, 12 years plant industry (maintenance).

3. Minutes were approved with very minor corrections.

4., 6. Permitting ordinance, landscape requirements, proposed 30-50-23 (sent to Board for reading). Chair, Attorney: the code should be general to specific. This is a general stuck in specific. Board asks whether palms are allowed under this code, or under the proposed permitting ordinance. Grossenbacher talks about relationship our proposal, to existing County ordinance. We already have a Tree Trust Fund? (Chair: applies only to narrow part of development, never used, wide open in allowances for distribution). Dr. Matson wants our comments on DUV proposed code sent to Director Pineda within a week. Chair brings up difficulties with existing commercial development landscape deterioration, effect on viability new development. Grossenbacher says that County code is clear: any required landscaping must be maintained or replaced. Needs to be very clearly and explicitly stated in any of our development code.

6, 7, 8: Chair: Arbor Day planting selected trees; Events in CRP-elementary school project. Fell: OCR bridge for bike path. There were funds designated for trees 6-7 years ago. Staff reports that Intern for Resiliency is Andrea Candelaria; Attorney wants currently proposed ordinance. Meetings suggested 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, at 5 PM.

9. Adjournment 6:30 PM