



**Coconut Grove Village Council**

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**Cocoanut Grove Village Council  
October 17, 2006  
Meeting Minutes**

On October 17, 2006, a quorum of duly elected Directors of Firm met to discuss and decide issues relevant to the business of the corporation. Council Members Yvonne, Ron, Gary, David, and Michelle present when meeting called to order. Yvonne McDonald, Ron Nelson, Gary Hecht, David Collins, and Michelle Niemeyer present when the meeting was called to order and voted. Mr. Zilber and Mr. Sarnoff arrived during the meeting and voted on issues raised after their arrival. The following discussions took place, including the enactment of resolutions as described herein:

Minutes moved Sept. 21 and Oct. 3, MMN, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed.

Discussion regarding meeting with Pete Hernandez / City Attorney:

- David Collins raised concern that we may not be permitted to use City Hall.
- Ron mentioned the Manager is supposed to come to our November meeting. Making an issue of it may not correct the situation. If everyone jumps on the bandwagon it may not be a good tactic.
- Michelle suggested we look into the history of the Commission "forming" the Village Council to give us ammunition if the City does not want us to continue meeting in City Hall.
- Yvonne disturbed that the City Manager never actually contacted the Council. The issue of notice should be addressed.
- Sue McConnell was sitting in Marc's office when the call was made, and the City Manager's office asked Sue to e-blast that the forum was cancelled.
- Michelle suggested we sent something in writing as opposed to bringing it up on the televised meeting to save the future relationship.
- Gary suggested we say in the letter we don't want to embarrass him in front of the general public.
- Make sure to include the fact the TV gets to people who can't go to other forums.

MOTION by David to write a letter and invite Hernandez to go to the next meeting. Ron seconded. Passed. MMN to write letter.

Martin arrived.

Discussion about changing November 7 meeting because it's election day.

MOTION David moved we meet one week later (14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>) and if the room is not available we meet the 7<sup>th</sup>. Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Martin asked if we want to bring the runoff candidates and amended to add the 15<sup>th</sup> as possible date. Passed. Yvonne will call city hall about the change in date.

MOTION, by Martin, one hour meeting with Candidate's Forum at end if there is a runoff and if we can get the 14<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>. Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Location TBD. Passed.

MOTION we accept the green page, 8b. Marc moved, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

Motion we spell coconut without an "a". Martin moved, Gary seconded. Amended by Marc to keep the seal with the "a" and the explanation will be on the website. Passed. Yvonne and Ron prefer the historical perspective.

Discussion regarding 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There will be a meeting October 25. Then November 29. E-mail circulated about Class II permits.

Discussion regarding Class II permit notification. Gary will follow up.

Discussion regarding Related Group meeting with Ron. Ron talked with Mr. Shubin at length. They are looking at some angles. One idea is 50 foot buffer around the property that's R3. Other tactic is re-zone property after the fact. They're not ready for us yet. The project goes before the City on December 14.

Discussion about the waterfront. Michelle Niemeyer, chair of the Coconut Grove Waterfront Working Committee, informed the Council about the status of the Coconut Grove Waterfront Master Plan. At this time, City officials are claiming Sasaki has produced unacceptable work product, which has been called "crayon drawings" by Ms. Haskings and Bob Weinreb. Mr. Gary Milano of DERM indicated after the WAB meeting he was happy with the work he saw in May. The CGWWC is aware that much more developed work product in the form of three design alternatives and a Powerpoint presentation have been given to the City and presented to the Mayor, Commissioner Haskins, and the City Manager in a meeting that took place in August or September. The City has to date been unwilling to meet with the CGWWC and has not announced any public presentations of materials.

Discussion about Home Depot status. Marc says no real work going on inside. April - 55K square feet and above requires a Class II permit. Earliest permit to retrofit was Nov. 3, 2005. December, law changed to say Nothing allowed over 70K square feet with or w/o a special exception. Certificate of use stops six months after the use stops. Kmart's been out of there for three or four years. There was a fire at the Home Depot last week. Philadelphia requires HD to store their toxics in a storage locker. Do away with contractor trade by cutting wood under a certain size.

Adjourned.

Dated: 12/6/2006

  
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Michelle M. Niemeyer, Secretary