

Coconut Grove Village Council

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**Coconut Grove Village Council
November 27, 2007
Meeting Minutes**

On November 27, 2007, a quorum of duly elected Directors of the Council met to discuss and decide issues relevant to the business of the corporation. All Council Members were present and voted. The following discussions took place, including the enactment of resolutions as described herein:

Attendance: Gary Hecht, Martin Zilber, Felice Dubin, David Collins, Lili Dones, Lottie Person, Susie Weintraub and Michelle Niemeyer were present.

Mr. Hecht read Alyn's e-mail in absentia. Re By-Laws: Does not support vice chair to chair. Ambivalent about Gary's proposals but if Gary convinced he will support them. Supports Gary as Chair, Michelle as Vice Chair, Susan or Lili as Secretary and Felice as Treasurer. Council discussed fact that by-laws do not allow voting by proxy.

Elections - Gary thinks we agreed elections would be next televised meeting. On TV we have a December meeting.

Council voted first Thursday meeting proposed by City is OK for 2008. Gary will confirm.

Gary asked if we should hold the officer election tonight? Martin suggested we decide if we do it publicly or privately? Felice suggested we do election tonight and announce the vote tonight. David thinks we should do it publicly. Felice doesn't think last time was an embarrassment, we were just not prepared. Sue McConnell, resident, voiced her opinion that last year's election was an embarrassment and should not be repeated at televised meeting. Voted to have the election this evening. David opposes because he thinks it needs to be in public.

Martin suggested we discuss changes to by-laws before the election. Felice doesn't think that seems right. Martin moved we discuss by-law changes first before voting. No second. Felice moved we vote first. David seconded. Passed.

Election of officers. Discussion about who wants to run for offices. Gary pointed out people are nominated. David

nominated Michelle for Chair. Felice nominated Gary. Michelle was elected 5-3.

Felice/David nominated Martin as Vice Chair. Council voted unanimously in favor.

Michelle nominated Felice to be Treasurer. Council voted unanimously voted Felice as treasurer.

Re secretary: No one would agree to take the office.

Martin moved by-law change: Officers will be Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Lili. Unanimously approved. This situation contemplates the hiring of someone to take notes at meetings and prepare draft minutes and resolutions for the secretary's approval.

Election of Sargeant at Arms. Martin nominated himself. Michelle second. Unanimously approved.

Martin suggested we should hire someone to take notes and secretary will review. Felice mentioned that there has been no promised money received. Frank Balzebre is now on Carlos Jimenez's staff. Martin would envision the secretary getting the notes; asking the assistant secretary to type resolutions. Martin does not want to be Vice Chair/Secretary. Felice is willing to be Secretary/Treasurer as long as she does not have to do the writing.

NOTICE: meetings noticed by the City on its calendar. Also on our website. MMN Moved Lili second, approved.

Martin suggested officers should serve for one year. Thought process is that the person who is chairing or the council should have the option to change, and the person who commits to an office may have the ability to step aside after a year. Lili likes the idea of a two year term with a one year opt out. Susie thinks it is important we develop relationships with the community, etc. Why only commit to one year?

Martin moved for the by-laws to make the terms of offices one year, and no one should serve as Chair for more than four years. David seconded the motion. Passed 6-2.

Martin raised the potential benefit of staggered terms. Felice mentioned it would be expensive and if we win or lose that happens.

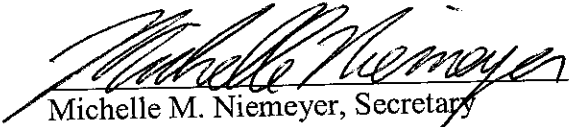
David has several ideas for amendments. Discussion of idea that if someone is appointed their seat should be open for the next City election. Felice moved, Martin seconded. Felice moved any seat filled by an appointee shall be up for reelection on the next available election in which Coconut Grove votes.

Gary mentioned MMN worked hard reviewing insurance policies. Great newsletter.

Michelle congratulated Gary on a job well done as Chair for the last year. Martin moved we have a plaque or other remembrance made for the outgoing Chair, and for outgoing members when they leave the Council. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Michelle moved to adjourn; seconded. Passed unanimously, meeting adjourned.

Dated: 12/4/07


Michelle M. Niemeyer, Secretary