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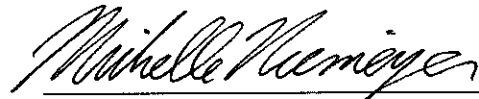
Cocoanut Grove Village Council
April 17, 2007
Meeting Minutes

On April 17, 2007, a quorum of duly elected Directors of the Coconut Grove Village Council met to discuss and decide issues relevant to the business of the corporation. Council Members all but Gary and Ron, now resigned, were present and voted. The following discussions took place, including the enactment of resolutions as described herein:

1. minutes next time
2. treasurer's report already circulated. No need to approve anything this time.
3. Lili requested we donate some money to fund the Julia Tuttle statue.
4. Playhouse report: next meeting there will be an update from Shelly and Michael. Have been talking to some major institutions. Still negotiating. Consultant re-hired for longer terms. David had a comment. He continues to think it is interesting to know what the playhouse is doing financially and is concerned they will have an artistic vision of some sort. People want to keep a high quality regional playhouse. Felice pointed out there is a reverter clause if it is not a playhouse.
5. Felice pointed out there is a TV series being filmed for the next 4 months at the convention center.
6. 27th Avenue Metrorail is on the agenda for the 26th before the Commission. The Committee will support what the Planning Advisory Board voted on, which is to deny the standards with recommendations.
7. Waterfront plan. Need to thank the City for public process. Look forward to implementation of committee to carry through with the plan. Invite all city emissaries. AGENDA.
8. BIC. Subterranean process. Looking at Biedermann's preliminary recommendations. Looks like we will get a BID. Martin thinks it should be explained to the public. AGENDA. Gary was making suggestions about including the Village West. Buy-in process. Well more than 50% in the Center Grove are agreed.
9. Tree Watch. Commissioner sent three angry e-mails from residents about the dead trees. Public works people said they go into shock and give them 3 weeks.

10. Right after the 3 weeks Comm'r Sarnoff e-mailed. Public works checked and six trees are dead. They will be replaced. Going into Phase 2. Village West will get 140 trees. Sue McConnell mentioned there is another dead one by the Oak Street tennis court.
11. Lottie mentioned she read on an e-mail we will each work on a committee. Lottie would like to do Code Enforcement. Sometimes they meet three times a month.
12. Guests. Leroy Jones provides services to businesses in West Grove, Mom and Pop grant program, _____. Rich Heizebottle, architect, Victor Mendelson.
13. Mr. Jones pointed out Code Enforcement is strict on trees.
14. Alyn, Zoning. Put out a request to council members for recommendations. Got limited response. Sue McConnell invited Alyn to the VOCCG meeting tomorrow night. Best venue to use to get the committee organized. Also went to CGPHA. Martin thinks they should get some business people and/or some real estate people. Felice recommended there were some good candidates who wanted to get involved in the community. A zoning issue was brought up to Alyn by a resident. David mentioned maybe some of the response to the call was people may have thought they need special knowledge. Ron Nelson pointed out we need to be careful it does not become a code enforcement group.
15. Trapp Homestead. 2521 South Bayshore. Want to show plans. Seeking one variance. House is well over 100 years old. Historically designated. Have gone to HEP Board. HEP has approved it. Oldest standing masonry home in Dade County. Demolition of three outbuildings. Addition up hill. Keep size and scale of the house the same(?). Borrowing the crows nest to addition as well as keeping it in the original. Reason for variance is the crow's nest. None foot variance. Measurement is supposed to be the average elevation of the roof. They have been asked to go to top of the crow's nest. Lili pointed out that they are mitigating the tree removal plus some.
16. Resolution about streetcar. MMN pointed out taking 80% of the CITT money will affect the Grove. JUNE AGENDA. People from all sides. David believes we should not get involved in this. We may not need to have a resolution. Alyn mentioned the allocation of this money could impact other improvements in the Grove.
17. Another vacancy. How to deal with it? About elections. 3 of the 9 members new. Should everybody go through the 4 years, or do we use this to stagger our elections. Felice thinks we should have the same process. \$100 good for a calendar year. Felice feels the way the elections are now is good because it is one expense. Procedure: notice, get applications, committee, present, vote. Three finalists for one spot. Get in Elena's magazine and Neighbors. MICHELLE. Deadline to complete application by 10th, if already applied not necessary to pay again (Run press release by Sue). Committee make decision on finalists. Finalists present to televised board June 1. Voting in Mid-June meeting. Start July. David thinks we could in the next ten days ask for application to be filled out, before next mid-month meeting, review, interview, go at mid-meeting to the people.
18. Lottie: May 19 Wall and Walk of Fame Breakfast. Wall will honor people of importance in the community in the entrance to the new library. Tickets are \$10, table \$100. Table for the Village West.

Dated: 7/18/07

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Niemeyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michelle M. Niemeyer, Secretary

**COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL
AGENDA FOR APRIL 17, 2007
THE GLASS HOUSE
7:00PM to 9:00PM**



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- I. Call to Order.....Martin Zilber, Vice Chair
- II. Roll Call.....Councilwoman Niemeyer, Sec.
- III. Minutes..... Councilwoman Niemeyer, Sec.
- IV. Treasurer's Report...Councilwoman Dubin, Treas.

OLD BUSINESS

- V. **VILLAGE COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
- VI. **TRAPP HOMESTEAD AND PROPERTY AT 2521 S. BAYSHORE DRIVE**
Update from owner
- VII. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** – Ms. Nina West and Ms. Grace
Solares will present Resolution to object.
- VIII. **REVIEW: EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE**
Vivian G. Villaamil, Director Dept. of Facilities Planning/MPO
Liaison Miami-Dade County Public Schools. A Resolution will be
Presented in favor

NEW BUSINESS

- IX. Addressing the Ron Nelson Vacancy

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

Notes:

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