

**Cocoanut Grove Village Council**

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### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

On September 4, 2007, a quorum of duly elected Directors of the Cocoanut Grove Village Council met to discuss and decide issues relevant to the business of the corporation. Council members Hecht, Zilber, Dubin, Niemeyer, Collins, Person, Pruett, Dones and Weintraub were present and voted. The following items were discussed:

Minutes presented previously are approved.

Treasurer's report was deferred.

1. Marjory Stoneman Douglas house issue. Land Trust informed Gary today they could not come. Asked for deferral which Gary did not give. Martin expressed he wants to be sure we don't hear this twice.

2. David Lawrence, former publisher of the Miami Herald spoke. He was chair of the committee that was formed to purchase Marjory's home to give her a place to live the rest of her life. Met with her personally. To honor her memory and spirit the property should be kept together. He believes that is what she wanted.

3. Arva Parks was a friend of Marjory's for many years. Knows her life desire was to see her home and the property next door which she considered part of her home to be preserved. Wants us to encourage the Land Trust to turn over the deed to the Cole property to the State so the whole thing can be preserved.

4. Martin Zilber moved that we pass the resolution presented by the Friends of the Everglades. Michelle seconded. Unanimously passed the resolution presented to us.

5. David Reiner, President of the Friends of the Everglades. Plan to send resolutions to the Land Trust. Others will make same request. Legal possibilities would be last resort.

6. All-Grove Crimewatch. [www.grovecrimewatch.org](http://www.grovecrimewatch.org) . 305-579-6111 non-emergency. Braga: 7864861488. Meeting 7:00 Wednesday at St. Stephens.

7. Miami Neighborhoods United on Miami 21. Hadley Williams gave presentation about Miami 21. First quadrant was considered, east quadrant. Presentation is available on MiamiNU.org website at Miami 21 tab. Judy

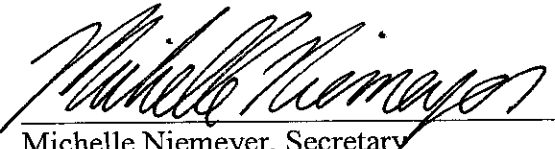
Sandoval commented that DPZ has never done this sort of plan in an existing city. The rigid rules that apply to housing and zoning also apply to landscaping. Pierre Sands commented on the landscaping of Grand Avenue, which was a DPZ design. Michelle asked if the meetings taking place now are presentations or opportunities for public input. Mr. Williams said NO. Questions deferred and not answered. Mr. Collins asked if MNU has been contacted by DPZ and been consulted to try to move the process forward. Collins indicated it seems tantamount to a deliberate ignoring of the people. MNU was told two weeks ago that the revised code would be available 5 days before the commission meeting. MNU encourages citizens to communicate with Commissioners and come to the Commission meeting. They feel Miami 21 as it exists now is not good enough. Alyn Pruett pointed out that the VCG has passed resolutions asking the City to defer decision on Miami 21 until all quadrants are considered, and also asking that the NCD-3 be amended to resolve problems with it. Felice Dubin asked if MNU has spoken with the Mayor, Pete Hernandez, the Commissioners? They have requested meetings with all the commissioners, have met twice with all but one, have met with the City Manager, have requested meeting with Mayor but he has not accepted invitation.

8. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beautification Project. MMN will circulate Felice's revised resolution.

9. October 2 meeting: Playhouse; Waterfront.

10. Adjourned.

Dated:

  
Michelle Niemeyer, Secretary