

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2016
Peacock Park/Glass House
2820 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

MINUTES *(Revised)*

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order by Vice Chair, Javier Gonzalez at 6:05pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

III. Housekeeping

A. Roll Call: **Present**: Javier Gonzalez, Thaddeus Scott, Ruth Ewing, and Linda Williams.
Absent: Kate Callahan, Seth Sklarey, Raymond Fort and Tricia Sullivan.

B. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes for April 20, 2016 were emailed to Council members and Motion to accept and vote will take place at a later date following review.

C. Additions to Agenda:

Community Announcements.

D. Treasury & Budget Update by Javier Gonzalez:

Balance at March 31, 2016 \$1,404.82

There were no expenses or deposits.

There is an outstanding IOU in the amount of \$61.25 to Javier Gonzalez as payment for the Annual Report.

IV. Discussion Items

A. Zoning Committee

- Audience: What is expected of the Committee?
- Javier Gonzalez: Getting information out (to the community); zoning information; information regarding splitting lots; and representing the community. Address concerns within the community to take to the District 2 Commission office.
- Ruth Ewing: Propose that letters be sent to each of the respective homeowner associations to invite them to join the Zoning Committee to represent their respective areas and be able to keep their members informed.
- Javier Gonzalez: We are an "elected body" – we should show an effort to represent.
- Audience: What three topics to address?

- Javier Gonzalez: 1) Miami 21 issues and disseminate information; 2) explain State, City and County issues; 3) Difference with NCD2 and NCD3 (strengthen); 4) TUA's; and 5) committee members to be available and responsible for attending meetings.
- Thaddeus Scott: Yes, we need this committee to represent our communities.
- Javier Gonzalez: The pressure is on this Council to get things done.
- Audience: How many HOA's are there?
- Javier Gonzalez: There are approximately 30 – perhaps more. The Village Council was created in 1991 and was not recognized by the City until 2004/2005.
- Ruth Ewing: We were elected as a “body”.
- Linda Williams: I don't think we should advocate as “representing” all issues in that there may be issues that come before us that we don't agree with – what then? I think we are an advisory group; supportive group; information gathering/dissemination group; and liaison to the Commissioner Ken Russell, District 2. We do not want to be confused with the “answer to all and everything” group.
- Audience: The Council meetings are held on the same night as other meetings that may cause a problem with attendance.
- Javier Gonzalez: This has been a problem for us in getting people out. We have been advised that “Fridays” are available at City Hall (TV) which we may consider.

B. Community Announcements

- Linda Williams: Classes have begun at the Gibson Education Center. Please stop by and observe the services/classes and/or register for a class. HOATA recently sponsored two seniors for the 55+ Computer Training. This educational center is a valuable resource in our community.
- The Coconut Grove Negro Women's Club, founded in 1954 has presented approximately \$50K in scholarship funding. This organization will be hosting its annual fundraising initiative for the 2016 scholarship awards on Saturday, June 18, 2016 and presenting “Men's Extraordinaire” fashion show program and dinner. The event will be held at Elizabeth Virrick Park from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person.

V. **Miscellaneous Discussions:**

None.

VII. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was seconded with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Humbly submitted by:

Linda Williams

Councilwoman Linda Williams
Secretary, Coconut Grove Village Council