

- Commander Morales: The (West) Grove is a challenged area; competitive/turf, drugs and money. We need vocal public support.
- Javier Gonzalez: Crime stopper signs will make a difference.

B. Coral Gables Trolley

- Linda Williams: The Settlement has been signed by the Developer (Astor) and CDC has first right of refusal with 90 days. The CDC is aggressively seeking investors both private and public funding to help with the purchase of the property.
- Javier Gonzalez: The CDC has the right to make a purchase as well as anyone else. Approval of the plaintiffs will be needed to approve the purchase.

C. Grove 2030

Javier Gonzalez: Workshop will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Ransom Everglades School (Main Highway Campus). This workshop is an all day commitment. Anyone interested can contact me directly or go to website. Important you must accept the invitation as spots are limited (100).

D. Coconut Grove Playhouse

The Selection Committee reviewed nine (9) proposals by the qualifying Design Group's and ranked them. Criteria presented to the Mayor and we are waiting for approval so as to begin negotiating a contract for chosen vendor. There is a second Playhouse site proposal by a private entity (Led by the chairman of Arsht) that offers a larger playhouse at an estimated cost of 45M.

E. FPL Expansion Project

- FPL plans to build two nuclear reactors at Turkey Point and install power poles from Pinecrest, to downtown Miami and beyond along the Miami-Davis corridor. We want to fight against this plan and more information is coming. A petition website "No2FPL.com" will go "live" next week October 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Thaddeus Scott: Are there hard copies of the petition?
- Javier Gonzalez: Hard copies are available for distribution

F. Proclamation for Reverend Jeffrey Hamilton

Proclamation Motion by Javier Gonzalez to amend the draft language for Reverend Jeffrey Hamilton can be accepted with elimination of the words "Lord" and "God's calling". Motion seconded by Ruth Ewing

Final "draft" of Proclamation to be presented at our next meeting on October 28, 2014.

Addition & Question from audience: Property Valuation Disparity across the Grove?

- Clarice Cooper: The West Grove property values are much lower than other areas – what can be done about this?
- Javier Gonzalez: Overview of values with strongest in South Grove due Location and what the home has, i.e. garages, pool, etc. Product line; builders continue to raise the values as new construction takes place. South Grove; had biggest values. North Grove; the proximity to Brickell caused the rise in North Grove values.; Center Grove zoned for duplexes and when Mr. Bloomenthal released a large amount of properties,

in 2000 it resulted in an increased supply and West Grove started appreciating in value. In general market values are down but RE taxes are up because of Assessed Value – There is always a 3% increase each year with homestead exemption; you can reassess the property value with an attorney.

- Seth Sklarey: Location, location, location. South Grove has tree canopies, no noise and less crime; West Grove, no tree canopies, crime and noise.
- Javier Gonzalez: Silver Bluff – US1 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – prices tumbled and now are moving outward; West Grove future (in comparison) looks more like Center Grove with influx of Town Homes / Duplex's.

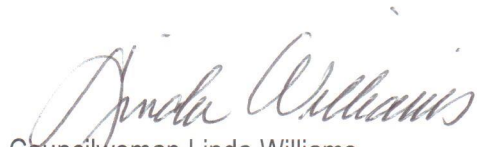
Question from Seth regarding Members being absent:

- Javier Gonzalez: We will review the By-Laws regarding Members present/absent.
- Audience: Please advise status of a restaurant on the Snappers site to be a liquor store in West Grove.
- Javier Gonzalez: An inquiry email will be sent to the Zoning Department to determine if a liquor store can be established in that location.
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## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Humbly submitted by



Councilwoman Linda Williams,  
Secretary  
Coconut Grove Village Council