

# Collins Park Neighborhood Association

## General Membership Meeting

May 17, 2011

**Location:** Miami Beach Botanical Garden 2000 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach

Meeting was called to order 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Ray Breslin, Harvey Burstein, Debi Quade, Prakash Kumar, Sidney Davis, John Couriel, Carolyn Klepser, Jean Ortega, Ian Rosenor, Manny Meland, Nathan Lieberman, Tim Wilcox

1. Ray Breslin introduced Caroline DeFreze from Community Outreach Miami Beach. Carolyn spoke of the need for volunteers for the CERT training program. City Emergency Response Training. She discussed the program, and what trained neighbors will be asked to do in an emergency. She introduced George Navarro from the City Emergency Program.

George discussed the process of city officials to handle emergencies like hurricane and flooding. The need for our community to be prepared, resilient and recover from from a disaster. CERT trained residents will learn emergency techniques and be called upon to report conditions in their neighborhood. Training is six weeks long. One night per week. Training starts Aug 25, 2011 from 6 to 10pm at the fire station on Dade Blvd. and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Miami Beach.

The Cert program is 4 years old. They are looking for a representative from homeowners associations. They are asking Collins Park Neighborhood Association to appoint someone to be our representative and attend the training. Anyone can sign up at [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov).

2. Ray Breslin introduced Laura Jamison, Executive Director of The Miami Beach Botanical Garden spoke. Beginning June 7, 2011 the garden will undergo a remodeling. Designed by Raymond Jungles. Laura presented the conceptual Master Plan and discussed the plan. The garden will remain a public garden free of charge. The Garden welcomes renting out for parties, weddings and special events.

The garden is 50 years old. Laura asked to support the plant sale in June.

3. Ray Breslin introduced Gabriel Redfin. She is running for office of Mayor of Dade County. She spoke about her qualifications and asked questions from the audience.

4. Adopt A Beach. Ray brought up that the agreed upon \$200 per year was for 4 clean ups. 3 other partners can adopt the same beach. All board members understood.

Ray Breslin announced a Community meeting Thursday May 19, 2011 with Florida Department of Transportation at the Miami Beach Library to discuss road construction on Collins Avenue.

6 pm to 8pm

No new business

Motion to adjourn by Debi Quade. Seconded by Ian Rosenior.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.