

**Cemeteries Board of Trustees**  
**City of Fort Lauderdale City Hall**  
**100 North Andrews Avenue – 8<sup>TH</sup> Floor**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2005 - 3:30 PM**

<b><u>Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b>Cumulative 2005</b>	
		<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Mark Van Rees, Chair	P	5	0
Ann Platt, Vice Chair	P	3	2
Joe Goldberg	P	2	3
Franci Bindler	A	4	1
Sharon Navarro	A	3	2
Walter Boyd	A	4	1
Victoria Mowrey	P	4	1
Connie Christensen	P	5	0
Larry Sherman	P	5	0
Albert McWhite	A	2	3

**Also Present**

Julius Delisio, Cemetery Board Liaison  
Bruce Larkin, Director of business Enterprises  
John Moritz, Carriage Services  
Jamie Opperlee, Recording Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Rees at 3:47 p.m.

**1. Minutes Approval**

A. Meeting of September 2005

**Motion** made by Ms. Platt, seconded by Ms. Mowrey, to approve the minutes of the September 2005 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Old Business**

A. Sunset Memorial Gardens Development Update

Mr. Delisio explained that he hoped they would have a pre-construction meeting before November 10. The contractor, MBR, was ready to begin. Mr. Delisio stated that debris from the hurricane was currently stored on the grounds and must be removed before construction began. He hoped ground would be broken prior to January.

**3. New Business**

A. Maintenance Reimbursement July – September 2005 (Discussion / Motion)

Mr. Delisio noted that this disbursement was small - \$83,000. He explained that Bank of America had shifted the trust money to bonds, and because of the way the bonds paid, there would be two large disbursements per year now. Mr. Delisio reminded the Board that they were hoping the earnings from the trust would cover the annual management fees and there would be a shortfall of approximately \$70,000 next fiscal year from the Bank projected earnings.

Mr. Delisio confirmed for Mr. Goldberg that Bank of America had the ability to make a major change to the portfolio as long as they stayed within the parameters of the investment policy. Mr. Delisio informed the Board that Bank of America had agreed to reschedule the investment presentation for the Board to January 2006.

**Motion** made by Mr. Goldberg, seconded by Ms. Christensen, to approve the July - September 2005 disbursement. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

B. Damage Assessment Hurricane Wilma

Mr. Delisio informed the Board that Woodlawn and Sunset had sustained little damage. Lauderdale Memorial's cleanup would be completed tomorrow and they would approve a bid to clean up Evergreen this afternoon. The Evergreen cleanup would then take only one day. He remarked that the maintenance crew had taken very good care of the parks.

Mr. Delisio informed the Board that they had discovered roof leaks at Lauderdale Memorial since the hurricane as well.

The Board then discussed various ideas for better hurricane preparedness and recovery in the future. Ms. Platt suggested a bond issue to cover the cost of burying power lines. Mr. Goldberg asked about installing generators at their facilities. Mr. Delisio noted that it was possible to bury people without electricity. He felt that the loss of communication was the biggest issue this time. Mr. Delisio agreed to look into initiating a change order to include a backup generator at Sunset.

Chair Van Rees felt staff and Carriage should create a disaster recovery plan for the parks.

Mr. Delisio felt all the parks would be back to normal in two weeks.

Ms. Christensen commended the tree contractor: J & J Tree from Jacksonville, for the work they had done. She had spoken with Jamie Green, the business manager, who expressed an interest in a contract for twice-yearly service for the parks. Mr. Delisio noted that they were trying to get J & J on a contract to share them with the Baltimore Orioles. Mr. Larkin added that he had wanted to get them to help cleanup at the stadium complex and then would consider the shared contract with Carriage.

Mr. Delisio explained cleanup cost estimates for the parks: Lauderdale Memorial: \$56,000; Sunset: \$10,000 [in staff overtime]; Evergreen: \$15,000 - \$20,000; approximately \$100,000 total. He added that they were getting approximately 4,000 cubic yards of tree debris removed from the City Contractor to be placed at the official sites designated by the City. Mr. Delisio then described fence damage in the parks. He also noted that there had never been flooding issues at any of the parks.

Mr. Delisio announced that their next meeting would be on January 12 at Bank of America.

4. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.