

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, September 6, 2018
 Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden Conference Room

MEMBERS	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	E	P	E		P	P	E	E	P	-	-	P	Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Bonita Norman	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	Vice Mayor Patricia Keon
Lucy Reinhardt	-	-	P		P	P	P	P	E	-	-	E	Comm. Frank Quesada
Barbara Perez	P	E	P		P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	Comm. Vince Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	Comm. Michael Mena
Jose Garrigo	E	P	P		P	P	P	E	P	-	-	P	City Mgr. Cathy Swanson- Rivenbark
Robert Berman	P	P	P		E	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Public Works, Acting Asst. Director
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
 P = Present
 E = Excused

GUESTS:

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Barbara Perez, opened the meeting at 8:38 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of June 21, 2018, as corrected” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Elizabeth Parnes attended the meeting by WebEx conference call.

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW: The board reviewed and approved the Annual Report. **A motion was made to “Approve the FY 2017-18 Annual Report, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

ELECTIONS: The board nominated Robert Berman for the Board At Large appointment. **A motion was made to “Appoint Robert Berman to represent the Board At Large.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Re-appointed Barbara Perez as the Chair. Bonita Norman was appointed as the Vice Chair.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA: Ms. Parnes updated the board. She was unable to arrange a meeting between the Flowering Tree Society and the City Manager to request sponsorship by the City of Coral Gables. Discussion developed determining who will sponsor this event in the future. Ms. Parnes will contact Mr. Pearson. Ms. Norman will contact Linda La Rocca. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

FARMER’S MARKET EVENT: Discussion developed on the event date. The board selected Saturday, February 9, 2018. Parks and Recreation approved the date. Ms. Hernandez will send an e-mail confirmation.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Discussion developed having the 2019 Arbor Day at George Washington Carver Elementary. Mr. Dannemiller will confirm with the school Principal. Katy Sobrado will serve as liaison. Ms. Perez will e-mail Ms. Sobrado.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

MIRACLE MILE STREETSCAPE: The native orchids provided by Fairchild Tropical Gardens have been placed on the trees. The non-native orchids are being planted. The Silk Floss trees are being replaced.

HISTORIC ENTRANCES: The landscape improvements are in progress.

MERRICK HOUSE: Ms. Norman inquired on the list of the plantings from the 1976 original landscape design of the Merrick House that she gave to Ms. Bell-Llewellyn. Mr. Dannemiller advised the Garden Club is handling the plantings of Althea's Flower Garden.

LOUISE LAMAR CURRY PARK: Mr. Dannemiller advised the naming of the park will be presented before the Commission in October 2018.

POST IRMA TREE REPLACEMENT: The tree plantings will begin next week.

FIVE PASSIVE PARKS: Mr. Dannemiller advised the construction drawings are complete. The permitting and bidding will follow.

COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLANS: Public meetings will be held soon.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Perez presented a letter from Pure Beauty Farms in which they offer the City of Coral Gables up to \$50,000 in plants annually. The letter was forwarded to the City Manager. Mr. Dannemiller advised the next step is to follow-up with Procurement. The decorative umbrellas on Giralda Avenue will be removed soon.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVED:


Barbara Perez, Chair

ATTEST:

 9/20/18
Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
YOUTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida