

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

- WORKSHOP MINUTES -

MEMBERS	M 23	J 23	S 23	O 23	N 23	D 23	J 24	F 24	M 24	A 24	M 24	W 24	APPOINTED BY:
Carolina Estefan-Chahine	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Lago
Anne Boynton-Trigg	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Anderson
Elizabeth Parnes	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Fernandez
Sara Lane Conde	-	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Castro
Nancy Leslie	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Commissioner Menendez
Amy Dash	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	City Manager
Kurt Schubert	P	P	A	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	Board-As-A-Whole

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

GUESTS:

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson
 Zully Pardo, Coral Gables resident

STAFF:

Deena Bell Llewellyn, Assistant PW Director, Greenspace
 Pilar Wiese, Greenspace

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:

- **TREE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2025:** The Landscape Beautification Advisory Board held a workshop to present the project to the City Commission. The Tree of the Year Competition seeks to educate residents and promote awareness of the importance and preservation of trees through an annual competition. The board went over the proclamation and rules for the event, which gives guidelines for how submissions from the residents will be made through an official form on the City’s website. The Landscape Beautification Advisory Board will select the winning tree and it will be announced on Arbor Day, the fourth Friday in April. To reward the residents, they will be invited to a City Commission meeting for recognition from the Mayor and Vice Mayor. In addition, the resident would have a “Tree of the Year” yard sign placed on their yard, with the homeowner’s approval, for sixty days. The publicity for this even will be handled by the Communications and Public Affairs Office and will include a website created for the Tree of the Year where nominations can be submitted; the event will also be broadcasted on the Coral Gables weekly ENEWS articles to keep residents informed about the event. Deadline for submissions will be on March 1, 2025. Board Chair Anne Boynton-Trigg agreed to draft a resolution with discussed topics and sent it to board members and Vice Mayor Anderson for review. Target date to launch competition is June 1st, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024, 10:30 AM