

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, February 1, 2018
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF: A = Absent
 Brook Dannemiller, Landscape Services Director, Board Secretary P = Present
 Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Services, Landscape Architect E = Excused
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary

GUESTS:
 Maria Luisa Ambros, Resident
 Nina Ambros, Resident
 Katy Sobrado, Coral Gables Garden Club Member and Arbor Day Liaison

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Barbara Perez, opened the meeting at 8:39 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Excuse Mr. Berman’s absence.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of December 7, 2017, as corrected. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

SEPARATED BIKE LANE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: Discussion developed on the installation of bicycle lanes. The Master Plan for bicycle routes is in place. Public meetings will be held to work with each neighborhood on determining the appropriate bike infrastructure for each street. Inquiries were made on infrastructure improvements. Mr. Dannemiller advised that a temporary separated bicycle lane demonstration project was set-up on University Drive between LeJeune Road and Salzedo Street for public feedback. It will end in February. The program uses aboveground planters as buffers. The board recommended the use of low-maintenance in-ground plantings, instead of aboveground planters. **A motion was made to, “Recommend low-maintenance in-ground plantings, instead of aboveground planters, for the separated bicycle lane infrastructure.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

ROYAL POINCIANA FESTIVAL PLANNING: The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018. Ms. Parnes provided an update. A meeting was held with the Royal Poinciana Representative and the Scout Hut Manager. The event will be held under the Royal Poinciana

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tree in front of the Scout Hut. The speaker will be selected by the Royal Poinciana Committee. Parking is available. The dignitary invitations and the publicity will be handled by Public Affairs. A Communications Services Request will be submitted. Public Works will handle the microphone and speakers.

FARMER'S MARKET EVENT: The attendance was good. The topic presented was *Post Hurricane Tree Restoration*. It was educational and enjoyable. The presentation was recorded by Public Affairs. The link will be shared with the board when it is available. For future events, the board requested better signage, name tags for the board and a directional change in the set-up to avoid the glare of the sun.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: The event will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018 at Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, 105 Minorca Avenue, Coral Gables, FL. The children's program will be held in the auditorium. The board was presented with a proposed design of the tree plantings. The proposed design will need to be approved by the school administration. Ms. Perez will schedule a meeting. The honor guard and parking will be looked into by Mr. Dannemiller. The Garden Club speaker will be confirmed by Ms. Norman. Public Affairs will handle the advertising and the event program. A Communications Services Request will be submitted. Voting for the Landscape Beautification Awards will take place at the next meeting. **A motion was made to, "Start the board meeting of March 1, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to allow enough time for the voting process of the Landscape Beautification Awards." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

BETSY ADAMS AND CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB PARK: Follow-up meetings will be held.

MAGGIORE PARK: This project is near completion. The Ribbon Cutting should take place soon.

DISCUSSION: Discussion developed on the new Public Safety Building for the Police and Fire Departments. Discussion developed on parking facility improvements. Mr. Dannemiller advised Public Works can provide updates. The website was also recommended.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:



Barbara Perez, Chair

ATTEST:



Brook Dannemiller, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

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