

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	S 21	O 21	N 21	D 21	J 22	F 22	M 22	A 22	M 22	J 22	APPOINTED BY:
Carolina Estefan-Chahine	*	P	*								Mayor Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	*	P	*								Vice Mayor Mena
Maria Counts	*	P	*								Commissioner Anderson
Carmen Lizama	*	P	*								Commissioner Fors, Jr
Nancy Leslie	*	E	*								Commissioner Menendez
Amy Dash	*	P	*								City Manager
Vacant	-	-	-								Board-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Asst PW Director-Greenspace/Board Liaison
Pilar Wiese, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The board reviewed the June 3, 2021 minutes. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of June 3rd, 2021” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:

- Chairwoman Liz Parnes welcomed new members Maria Counts (appointed by Commissioner Anderson), Carmen Lizama appointed by Commissioner Fors), and Amy Dash (appointed by City Manager Iglesias) to the Landscape Beautification Advisory board. New board members introduced themselves.
- Ms. Parnes briefly explained to new members the dynamic of the meetings, the need to prioritize some items as the board normally has a robust year; each project is detailed and quite thorough, with a lot of steps, and a lot of committee members involvement.
- ARBOR DAY EVENT: Ms. Parnes talked about Arbor Day, which is April 24th of each year. Celebration day is chosen around that day. The board works with a designated Coral Gables school on the details and program of the event. It is a wonderful learning for the students to become familiar with the importance of trees. The Coral Gables Garden Club participates and contributes to the cost of the tree planting. Board will work on selecting school next meeting. ***A motion was made to “look at and consider April 22nd for Arbor Day date.” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.***
- LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Ms. Parnes described the nomination process. It is an opportunity for the board to recognize five outstanding landscaping work in private homes. The City is divided into 7 zones. Each member selects five properties within the zone they selected.
- UPDATE MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: It is currently in the conceptual design. Urban Robot is the landscape architecture firm. Master Plan is already approved by the City’s Board of Architects and is at the County now for preliminary approval.

LAMAR CURRY PARK: Lamar Curry Park is a little triangle just north of Venetian Pool. The Coral Gables Garden Club has donated a big part of the funds to build the park. The project has been awarded to the contractor and construction is starting soon.

CRAFT SECTION STREETSCAPE: Large Agave project at the Ponce Circle Park, east of the building to Douglas for five or six city blocks; the whole neighborhood is being revitalized. All the streets are being rebuilt and big wide swales are being put in with very large oak trees, and other tree species to create large green boulevard.

MAGGIORE PARK: Triangle space next to the Chinese Village is under construction.

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

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021, 9:00 AM
2151 SALZEDO ST, CORAL GABLES, FL