

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting, November 7, 2019
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS

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Fadi Bahri	E	-	-	P	P	P	Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Lucy Reinhardt	E	-	-	E	P	P	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Diane Perez	E	-	-	P	P	P	Commissioner Fors, Jr.
Vacant	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	E	-	-	P	P	E	Commissioner Michael Mena
Susan Rodriguez	E	-	-	P	P	P	City Manager Peter Iglesias
Bonita Norman	P	-	-	P	P	P	Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Brook Dannemiller, Public Works Asst. Director	A = Absent
Fred Couceyro, Parks & Recreation Director	E = Excused
David Galeano, Public Works Engineer	P = Present
Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary	
Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services Recording Secretary	

GUESTS:

Joanne Mathews, Coral Gables Garden Club Member and Arbor Day Liaison

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chair, Lucy Reinhardt opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of October 3, 2019, as corrected. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** A request was made to approve Ms. Parnes’ absence. **A motion was made to “Approve Ms. Parnes’ absence.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

MAGGIORE PARK: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn gave a presentation on the conceptual drawings approved by the community. The park will be a pedestrian friendly neighborhood park with play elements for children, an elevated walkway, a perimeter fence and decorative gates. The plant pallet will include resilient native materials. The board requested flowering trees. The request will be forwarded to the designer. The project completion is expected to be during the middle of 2020. Sidewalk connections will be included. Mr. Couceyro shared the history on the project. **A motion was made to “Approve the Maggiore Park Conceptual Plans.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020. The presentation topic will be *Better Tree/Better Place*. The board requested that the Fertilization Ordinance be included in the presentation. Mr. Couceyro is looking into a better location for the presentation.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Friday, April 24th, 2020 is the tentative event date. A meeting with Ms. Leyte-Vidal, Sunset Elementary School Principal, is in the process. The Garden Club Arbor Day

Liaison, Joanne Mathews, would like to attend the meeting. The Children's Program Coordinator, Katy Sobrado, would also like to attend the meeting.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The request to have the Landscape Beautification Awards presented at a City Commission Meeting needs to be approved by the City Manager. Each board member should submit five (5) landscape nominations from the selected zone. Ms. Carolina Estefan-Chahine, Vice Mayor Lago's recent appointment, will be given the opportunity to select her landscape nominations from Zone #5.

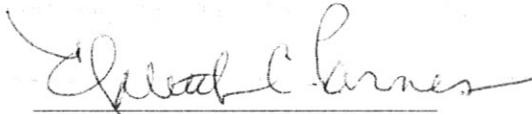
DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED FERTILIZER ORDINANCE: Mr. Dannemiller distributed a draft of the proposed fertilizer ordinance. He informed the board of the harmful effects of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus. He elaborated on the restrictions imposed by the ordinance. He also mentioned the City will inform the residents as well as registered landscapers of these restrictions. **A motion was made to, "Support the draft fertilizer ordinance as it was presented." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

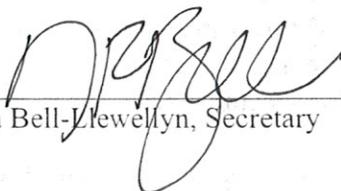
CORAL GABLES BARK PARK: Deferred to the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:


Elizabeth Parnes, Chair

ATTEST:


Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER, CORAL GABLES, FL