

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Thursday, January 12, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	S	O	N	D	J	APPOINTED BY:
	21	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	23	
Carolina Estefan-Chahine	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	Mayor Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Mena
Anne Boynton-Trigg	.	.	.	.	.	.	P	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Anderson
Carmen Lizama-Gaspa	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	Commissioner Fors, Jr
Nancy Leslie	P	P*	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	Commissioner Menendez
Amy Dash	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	City Manager
Maria Mathilde Debye-Saxinger	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	E	P	E	P	Board-As-A-Whole

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Assistant PW Director, Greenspace
 Sayleen Arocha, Landscape Designer, Greenspace
 Pilar Wiesse, Recording Secretary, Greenspace

GUEST:

Joanne Matthews, CG Garden Club

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The board reviewed the December 8th, 2022, minutes. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of December 8th, 2022” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:

- **LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** Board members need to submit pictures with addresses of their nominations as selection of the Landscape Awards will take place at the February meeting. Code Enforcement will review nominated addresses for any code violations. Liz Parnes (Zone 1). Nancy Leslie (Zone 2). Ann Boynton-Trigg (Zone 3 & 4). Carolina Estefan-Chahine (Zone 5). Amy Dash, Carmen Lizama and Maria Mathilde Debye- Saxinger (Zone 6). Each member will select five properties within their selected zone.

- **ARBOR DAY EVENT:** Arbor Day is scheduled for April 28th, 2023 at Merrick Park, in front of City Hall. Ms. Parnes went through the list of items needed for the event. She is trying to coordinate for chairs, microphone, parking, barricades, signage, police, etc. She will reach out to Steve Pearson to present a story of the Royal Poinciana. Maria Mathilde Debye-Saxinger will do the presentation. Joanne Matthews will ask CG Garden Club if they can donate cookies, water and will work on some educational handout about the tree. Ms. Bell said that greenspace division is searching for the yellow poinciana tree.

- **CITY HALL DESIGN:** Ms. Bell informed that the renovations to City Hall are a future capital improvements project to include new landscaping and potential new irrigation system in the scope of work depending on budget.

- **BEAUTIFICATION FIELD AT GRANADA AND PONCE DE LEON SITE:** As requested, Ms. Boynton-Trigg drafted a letter for the board to be sent to the Mayor and Commissioners requesting to consider the possibility of acquiring or partnering with UM the Granada and Ponce de Leon site to develop a passive or active park. Ms. Parnes will send letter on behalf of the board. ***A motion was made for, “Ms. Parnes to send a letter to City Manager requesting City Commission to consider the possibility of acquiring or partnering with UM the Granada and Ponce de Leon site to develop a passive or active park.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.***

- **DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON THE BOARD’S MISSION AND PURPOSE:** Board reviewed the functions and mission for the board from statements on the arbor day program and the city’s website. Discussion took place and it was agreed to have both statements together. Board will work on them next meeting.

- **UPDATE MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

Ponce North Section: Ms. Bell informed the board that Ponce North section relandscaping project will be completed by the end of the month. New landscaping was installed for vehicle visibility and irrigation was repaired and improved.

Ponce Circle Park: Ms. Bell informed the board that redesigning of traffic circle is at the County for preliminary approval, and the design will be brought to the board to see once County comments are addressed.

Granada and 8th Street Entrance: Ms. Bell informed the board that entrance re-design is underway. Ms. Arocha has been assigned to design entrance at Granada and 8th Street. Native plants will be used as well as colorful Bougainvillea and some annual flowers. Ms. Bell said SFM will donate plants and labor for this entrance.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2023, 10:30 AM