

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

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary
 Catherine Cathers, Historical Resources and Cultural Arts

A = Absent
 P = Present
 E = Excused

GUESTS:

Katy Sobrado, Coral Gables Garden Club

OPEN MEETING: The Vice Chair, Bonita Norman, opened the meeting at 8:36 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of October 4th, 2018, as corrected. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Bonita Norman turned the meeting over to Barbara Perez. **A motion was made to “Excuse Robert Berman’s absence.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Cathers gave a presentation on the Hank Willis Thomas 2018 Proposal which will be visualized in the downtown area as well as throughout the city. Speech bubbles on light posts and four speech bubble-inspired bench designs will be on temporary exhibition for approximately two months. Each sign will contain a line from the poem *the truth is I am you*. One side will be in English, the other side will be in various languages. The purpose is to invite the public to approach different perspectives on truth with a new sense of understanding as well as to create spaces that provide a place of introspection. The Arts Advisory Panel recommended the acquisition and permanent installation of the benches. **A motion was made to “Support the temporary installation of the Hank Willis Thomas Proposal as well as to permanently keep the speech bubbled-inspired benches.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the art pieces that will be installed at Giralda Plaza. The dedication will be held on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

FARMER'S MARKET EVENT: The event will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will give the presentation. The presentation will be on swale improvements and an update on the post hurricane tree replacement program. The board inquired on the name tags and the sign for the presentation. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will look into it. The Communications Request Form was sent to Public Affairs. Advertising will begin in December 2018.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Discussion developed on the nominations for the Landscape Beautification Awards. City maps were distributed. Each board member will nominate 5 properties from their respective zone; Ms. Reinhardt #1, Ms. Martin-Lavielle #2, Mr. Garrigo #3, Ms. Norman #4, Ms. Parnes #5, Mr. Berman #6 (by default) and Ms. Perez #7. George Washington Carver Middle School, 4901 Lincoln Dr., Coral Gables, FL., was confirmed as the event location. A meeting will be scheduled with the Principal in December 2018 and in March 2019. The following should be in attendance: Mr. Dannemiller, Ms. Bell-Llewellyn, Ms. Reinhardt, Ms. Sobrado and Ms. Hernandez. The board inquired on the school parking. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised it will be looked into at the site meeting with the Principal. Ms. Norman mentioned the Garden Club should be included in the program. The program will be presented before the board for review.

ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA: Ms. Parnes mentioned the Tropical Flowering Society scheduled a meeting for next week. She will provide an update at the next meeting.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

MIRACLE MILE STREETSCAPE: Completed and in maintenance cycles.

HISTORIC ENTRANCES: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn mentioned (3) of the (7) entrances have been landscaped. The large flower sculpture at North Greenway Dr. and Segovia St is being landscaped. Tall grasses will be used to hide the fountain basin. The historic fountain walls on the Golf Course is also in the process. The flowering center pieces were discussed. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will speak with artist to recommend a plant change. The Pure Beauty Farms donation was approved by the Commission. Ms. Perez will contact them and request a list of the available plants.

MERRICK HOUSE: Grand Opening is on December 9th, 2018. The Garden Club completed Althea's Flower Garden with City staff assistance. Ms. Norman will look into a thank you note, on behalf of the Garden Club.

LOUISE LAMAR CURRY PARK: The naming was approved by the Commission. Parks and Recreation will handle the Request For Proposal for the landscape design.

POST HURRICANE IRMA TREE REPLACEMENT: The board inquired on the status of the Tree Replacement Program. The Tree Keeper is an online mapping system that has the city divided into 5 zones. The swales are staked to identify where the trees will be planted. Underground utilities clearances will be required before the plantings take place. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised the program is moving ahead of schedule.

FIVE PASSIVE PARKS: Design Document Plans are completed and are in the permitting process.

COMPREHENSIVE PARKS MASTER PLANS: Parks and Greenspace Masterplan is in the process, Citywide.

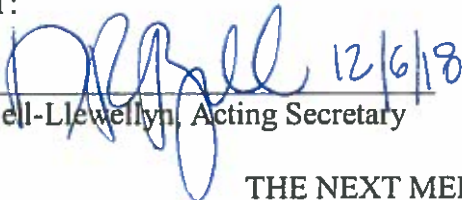
DISCUSSION: Discussion developed on the Butterfly Garden at the Library. The landscape needs improvement and the benches are rusty. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will look into it. She also mentioned the Garden Club could select plants from the Pure Beauty Farm plant list. Ms. Perez advised that workshops are available for resident input on Sanitation services. They will be held on Thursdays, November 15th and Saturday, November 17th, 2018. Another event for Electronic Recycling, Hazardous Chemicals and Paper Shredding will be held at City Hall on November 17th, 2018 from 9:00 am to Noon. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn's title is now Landscape Architect. Brook Dannemiller's title is Landscape Services Director and Al Zamora is the Sanitation Services Director. Discussion developed on having the trash pits filled and using the driveway apron for removal of bulky items. Discussion developed on the plants for the underline. Mr. Dannemiller and Ms. Bell-Llewellyn are involved in the planning review process with City staff and will update the board when the plants are identified. The board requested review of the renovation plans for the Coral Gables High School. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will look into it.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

APPROVED:


Barbara Perez, Chair

ATTEST:


Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018, 8:30 A.M.
YOUTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, 405 UNIVERSITY DR, CORAL GABLES, FL

