

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, December 5, 2019
 War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

MEMBERS

J F M A M J J A S O N D

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

STAFF:

Fred Couceyro, Parks & Recreation Director	A = Absent
Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary	E = Excused
Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services Recording Secretary	P = Present

GUESTS:

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

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present. A request was made to approve Ms. Reinhardt’s absence. **A motion was made to “Approve Lucy Reinhardt’s absence.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The minutes were reviewed. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of November 7, 2019, as corrected. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

CORAL GABLES BARK PARK: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn gave a presentation on the Bark Park conceptual drawings approved by the community. The park will be located at the 4500 block of Ponce de Leon Blvd. It is part of *The Underline*, a Miami project to transform 10-miles of underutilized land located under the Metrorail tracks. The dog park is one of the amenities featured in the project. The park will include a pedestrian walkway with decorative concrete, shaded sitting areas, water fountains, pet waste stations and lights. There will be hills with tunnels for the dogs to play. The furniture design will coordinate with the rest of *The Underline* furniture. The plant pallet will include native and flowering trees. The park maintenance will be handled by the Parks and Recreation Department. There will be an irrigation system with sterilization. The permit process is expected to take about a year. The budget will be presented at the next meeting. The board approved the drawings. **A motion was made to “Approve the Bark 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. Parks and Recreation is still working on a new location.


ARBOR DAY EVENT: Friday, April 24th, 2020 is the tentative event date. The meeting with the Principal of Sunset Elementary School has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th, 2020. Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Fadi Bahri, Joanne Mathews, Katy Sobrado and Ayliin Hernandez will attend the meeting.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The request to have the Landscape Award presentation at a City Commission meeting was approved by the City Manager's Office. Ms. Carolina Estefan-Chahine will nominate five properties from Zone 5. Code Enforcement will need to approve the nominations for the voting process to take place. The landscape award recipients will receive an invitation to attend the City Commission meeting and a formal recognition by the Coral Gables Administration will take place. During the recognition each award recipient will receive a plaque. The date for the Commission meeting presentation will be confirmed.


UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

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, JANUARY 9, 2020, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER, CORAL GABLES, FL
ROOM 222**