

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

Minutes of Meeting, March 4, 2021

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MEMBERS

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

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Recording Secretary
Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney

A = Absent
E = Excused
P = Present

GUESTS:

Joanne Mathews, Coral Gables Garden Club
Dario Restrepo, Coral Gables Resident

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the meeting at 8:30 am. A quorum was present. The virtual attendees mentioned the audio was very difficult to understand. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 4, 2021.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of January 7, 2021.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** A request was made to approve the absence of Ms. Estefan-Chahine at the September 3, 2020 meeting. **A motion was made to “Excuse the absence of Ms. Estefan Chahine at the September 3, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of September 3, 2020 with a correction.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

BOARDS / COMMITTEES GENERAL RULES: The Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton, reviewed the new COVID rules. A physically present quorum is required to formalize motions. The board inquired on their participation at the Farmer’s Market with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden. Ms. Throckmorton advised when the board is making a decision a quorum must be present. Also, when more than one (1) member is present at an event, the event will need to be Noticed.

FARMER’S MARKET: Ms. Parnes expressed her gratitude for the board’s participation with the Million Orchid Distribution at the Farmer’s Market. **A motion was made to, “Approve the participation of the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board in the Million Orchid Distribution at the Farmer’s Market.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The activity dates are March 13th and 20th, 2021, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Fairchild will provide the orchids. **A motion was made to, “Request that Public Affairs photograph and publish this activity in the E-News. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Discussion developed on selecting a school for the 2021 Arbor Day. Two (2) schools were nominated, David Fairchild Elementary School and Henry S. West Lab Elementary School. A vote was taken and David Fairchild Elementary was selected. **A motion was made to, “Select David Fairchild Elementary School for the 2021 Arbor Day celebration. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on selecting a school liaison. **A motion was made, “To select Diane Perez as the school liaison and Susan Rodriguez her as backup. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The board would like to have this activity take place no later than September 30th, 2021.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The 2020 Landscape Beautification Awards and the Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented at the Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. A presentation will be prepared with photographs of the recognized properties. Ms. Parnes would like to represent the board at the Commission meeting, in person. Ms. Reinhardt would like to represent the Garden Club at the Commission meeting, in person. Virtual invitations will be sent to the award recipients. The 2021 Landscape Awards will be presented during the Fall. The nominations for Zone 5 are pending.

ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA: Tabled.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: The conceptual design will be presented at the Public Safety building on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 8:30 am. The Parks and Recreation Board invited the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board to attend in person. A quorum should be present. Virtual attendance will also be available.

LAMAR CURRY PARK: The design presentation should take place in April or May of 2021.

MAGGIORIE PARK: This park will be under construction.

SALVADOR PARK: This park will be under construction.

DOG PARK: This park will be under construction. A comment was made on using both lawn and artificial turf. Ms. Bell will forward the comment to the Parks and Recreation Department.

JC PARK: Parks and Recreation will be installing playground equipment. Ms. Bell will request an update.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2021, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES VIRTUAL MEETING, CORAL GABLES, FL
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