

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

MEMBERS

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

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Services Acting Secretary
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services Recording Secretary

A = Absent
 P = Present
 E = Excused

GUESTS:

Bonita Norman

OPEN MEETING: Deena Bell-Llewellyn opened the meeting at 8:50 a.m. A quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of May 2, 2019. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** A discussion took place at the June 6, 2019 meeting, a quorum was not present. The board approved the discussion. **A motion was made to “Approve the discussion of June 6, 2019. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** A request was made to approve Lucy Reinhardt’s absence. **A motion was made to “Approve Lucy Reinhardt’s absence.” The motion was second, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

VOTING FOR CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND BOARD AT LARGE: Discussion developed. Ms. Parnes was nominated to be the Board Chair. She accepted. **A motion was made to “Appoint Elizabeth Parnes as the Chair.” The motion was second, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Ms. Norman was nominated for the Board at Large appointment. She accepted. **A motion was made to “Appoint Bonita Norman as the Board At Large.” The motion was second, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The Vice Chair appointment was postponed for the October meeting.

FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn gave a brief description of the topics presented in the past. The board will bring their own topics to the next meeting for discussion. The board would like to schedule the workshop on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 9:00. **A motion was made to “Reserve Saturday, February 22, 2020, for the Farmer’s Market Workshop.” The motion was second, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The date will need to be confirmed by the Parks and Recreation Department.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn gave a description of the Arbor Day Celebration and the Landscape Beautification Awards. Discussion developed on the landscape awards. A request was made to have the landscape awards presented at a separate event. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting. The event date was discussed. The board attentively selected Friday, April 24, 2020. **A motion was made to "Tentatively select Friday, April 24th, 2020 for the Arbor Day Celebration." The motion was second, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Discussion developed on the selection of the school. A list of schools was presented. The board requested that The Growing Place be added to the list of schools. Ms. Hernandez will look into the request and advise. The school selection will be made at the October meeting.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised they are currently under construction.

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised a Landscape Architectural firm was selected. The contract is pending approval by the City. Community meetings will be organized for the design presentation.

MAGGIORE PARK: The design presentation will be brought to the board for review and will be open to the public.

CORAL GABLES BARK PARK: The design presentation will be brought to the board for review and will be open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVED:


Elizabeth Parnes, Chair

ATTEST:


Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Secretary 10/7/19

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2019, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER, CORAL GABLES, FL