

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

Virtual Meeting, February 4, 2021

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MEMBERS

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

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary
Ayliin Hernandez, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
E = Excused
P = Present

GUESTS:

Joanne Mathews, Coral Gables Garden Club
Jason Downing, Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
Kevin Zatkovich, Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
Dolly MacIntyre, Royal Poinciana Fiesta
Steve Pearson, Royal Poinciana Fiesta

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the virtual discussion. The board did not have a physically present quorum.

FARMER’S MARKET: Mr. Downing invited everyone to participate in the placement of orchids throughout Coral Gables. Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden is sponsoring the Million Orchid Project. Parks and Recreation will handle the set up. Flyers will be distributed. The recommendations of 6 feet distancing will take place. The event will be held during February and March on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. To represent the Landscape Beautification Advisory Board (LBAB), the board needed a motion. However, they did not have a quorum. The board will participate as volunteers. Ms. Bell requested an update on the Boards/Committees General Rules. Ms. Hernandez will send the Assistant City Attorney an invite to the next meeting.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Mr. Bahri has not received a response from the Principal of Sunset Elementary. He will try again. Discussion developed on arranging a virtual school participation with the tree planting and a children’s educational presentation by Ms. Sobrado. Discussion developed on having the City Commission present two Arbor Day Proclamations. One for the City and one for the Coral Gables Garden Club. Ms. Bell will submit a request to have Public Affairs create a video. The Landscape awards will be included.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The board would like to have the Commission present the 2020 Landscape Awards along with the Arbor Day Proclamation. Ms. Hernandez will look into it.

ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA: Mr. Pearson gave a presentation on the history of the Royal Poinciana Fiesta. The event will need to be held virtually due to the pandemic. Mr. Pearson requested the City's support by providing the Trolley service and advertisement of the event. The Landscape Awards can also be included in the virtual presentation. He pointed out this event unites the community as they appreciate nature. Ms. Bell mentioned a proposal should be submitted to the City Manager's office.

DISCUSSION: Discussion developed on reviewing the meeting attendance when a quorum is present.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

JC PARK: Landscape Services is making landscape improvements. Parks and Recreation will be installing playground equipment. The park will be closed during February and March.

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: A presentation of the design will be scheduled once the drawings are complete.

MAGGIORIE PARK: A presentation of the design will be scheduled once the drawings are complete.

LAMAR CURRY PARK: A presentation of the design will be scheduled once the drawings are complete.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2021, 8:30 A.M.
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