

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

No Quorum - Meeting, May 6, 2021

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MEMBERS

A J A S O N D J F M A

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

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the meeting at 8:39 am. **A quorum was not present.** Ms. Parnes, Ms. Estefan-Chahine and Mr. Bahri were physically present. The board met in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building. Ms. Parnes advised there are two vacant seats on the board, Lucy Reinhardt and Diane Perez.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS: Every member that served on the board last year will need to fill out a Financial Disclosure Form. Ms. Hernandez will send out the forms via e-mail.

FARMER'S MARKET: Ms. Matthews mentioned the Million Orchid Distribution Project was exciting and educational. She encouraged the board to continue participating. An inquiry was made on the photograph/video taken during this activity. Ms. Hernandez will reach out to Public Affairs. An inquiry was made on arranging a tour of the orchid germination process at Fairchild Gardens. Ms. Parnes advised the board will need to vote on one of these two projects when planning for next year's activity.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: The board will need to re-evaluate the school selection for the Arbor Day event. Diane Perez, the school liaison for David Fairchild no longer serves on the board. It was noted that Henry S. West Lab Elementary School was nominated by a resident (Dario Restrepo) during the March 2021 meeting. Ms. Bell advised the City Manager will need to approve the school selected. The school selection was tabled.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Ms. Parnes complimented the virtual presentation of the 2020 Landscape Beautification Awards that were presented by City Commission. Ms. Estefan-Chahine is personalizing the delivery of the plaques. Ms. Hernandez will provide the

property addresses. The 2021 Landscape Award nominations will be completed when the photographs for Zone 5 are submitted.

ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA: Mr. Pearson will need to submit a proposal to the City Manager's office.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

PONCE CIRCLE PARK: The City board of architects has approved the concept plans. The design will now move to the next phase of design development and engineering and go through the approvals process as outlined by the CIP project manager.

LAMAR CURRY PARK: The plans are in the public bid process. Ms. Bell will look into a design presentation.

CATALONIA PARK: Discussion developed on changing the designation to a "Dog Friendly" Park.

NORTH PONCE STREETSCAPE: The landscape improvements included shade trees.

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

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2021, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES VIRTUAL MEETING, CORAL GABLES, FL
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