

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

Minutes of Meeting, January 9, 2020
War Memorial Youth Center, Room 222

MEMBERS

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

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary	A = Absent
Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services Recording Secretary	E = Excused
Valeria Quintanilla, Landscape Services Horticulturist	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 motion was made to “Approve the minutes of December 5, 2019.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. City staff is prepared to give a presentation on *Better Tree/Better Place*. The Fertilization Ordinance will be included. The presentation will be held in the courtyard of City Hall. Board members will receive a name tag at the next meeting. Advertising for the workshop has been handled by Public Affairs. Discussion developed on purchasing a sign to improve the attendance. The request for a sign will need to be approved. Ms. Parnes and Ms. Perez will look into a quote.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: The event is scheduled for Friday, April 24th, 2020. Mr. Bahri provided an update on the meeting with the Principal of Sunset Elementary School. A walkthrough took place. A primary outdoor location was selected. It is next to a historic one-room schoolhouse. The Media Center was selected as a secondary location. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. The 4th graders will give a presentation. The student attendance will be approximately 225 students. The school will provide the audio system. Ms. Mathews confirmed Katy Sobrado will open the event with the Children’s Program. The City will provide tables and chairs. Parking will be available on the curb of the street. Discussion developed on having a plaque made. **A motion was made to, “Approve the purchase of a generic plaque for the school to commemorate Arbor Day, for this event and future events.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** To ensure compliance of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Child Protection Regulations, Sunset Elementary School will provide the media coverage. An inquiry was made on stating in the program that photographs of

the children are not allowed. The City will provide water and juice. The Garden Club will provide cookies. A follow-up meeting will be held with the school, preferably, prior to the March 5th, 2020 board meeting.

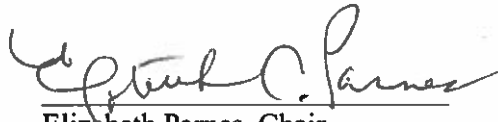
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Photographs of the approved properties were reviewed. The board selected the following award recipients: 150 Arvida Parkway, 6330 Cellini Street, 907 Coral Way, 10415 Lakeside Drive and 125 Solano Prado. They will be invited to a formal recognition by the Coral Gables Commission. Each award winner will be presented with a plaque. The date of the presentation will be confirmed to ensure attendance by the board.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:


PONCE CIRCLE PARK - The public meeting was well attended. The community expressed concern for public access and pedestrian safety. The second meeting will be held February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center. The board will be notified. The consultant will present a design that addresses the community concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVED:


Elizabeth Parnes, Chair

ATTEST:


Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Secretary

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4:30 p.
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES YOUTH CENTER, CORAL GABLES, FL