

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

MEMBERS	J 23	F 23	M 23	M 23	J 23	S 23	O 23	N 23	D 23	J 24	F 24	APPOINTED BY:
Carolina Estefan-Chahine	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Mayor Lago
Anne Boynton-Trigg	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	Vice Mayor Anderson
Elizabeth Parnes	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Fernandez
Sara Lane Conde	-	-	-	-	-	P	E	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Castro
Nancy Leslie	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	Commissioner Menendez
Amy Dash	P	A	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	E	City Manager
Kurt Schubert	P	P	P	P	P	A	-	-	-	-	P	Board-As-A-Whole

P – Present
E – Excused Absence
A – Absent
(-) – No Appointment
(*) – No Meeting

STAFF:

Pilar Wiese, Greenspace Management division

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The board reviewed the January 12th, 2024, minutes. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of January 12th, 2024” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:

- **EVENT PLANNING 2024:**

Farmer's Market 2024 –Ms. Boynton-Trigg said that there were just about 15 people at Farmers Market presentation on January 27th. She said that there was no publicity about the presentation in the E-News, no mention of any presentation in the Farmers Market section, a real failure on the part of the city. Ms. Parnes could not be there but heard that Deena's presentation was nice, that she did a great job and answered a lot of questions. Swale permit information is located under the Greenspace Management division section, but board members would like to have the swale package and all landscape information more accessible on the website. Ms. Estefan-Chahine suggested that next time the presentation should start a little bit later in the morning to have more people in attendance.

Arbor Day 2024 – Ms. Boynton-Trigg asked board members if they had an opportunity to visit the two suggested sites, the open area on University Dr. south of the Youth Center and the Granada entrance at Eight Street. Ms. Leslie would like to present the chosen type of tree and location to the Garden Club board at their next meeting. A discussion took place about what kind of trees should be planted this year. Board members talked about different flowering trees; they liked Golden chain, silk floss yellow Cassia, and baobab trees. Board members also talked about the two locations and favored the open area on University Dr. across from the Youth Center, closer to Camilo Ave. Ms. Parnes suggested for secretary to send a 'Save a Date' to Mayor and Commissioner's office and other city officials.

Beautification Awards 2024 – Ms. Boynton-Trigg suggested delaying the submission of nominations for the Beautification Awards until the meeting on May 9th, 2024, to allow spring and for yards to look nicer. Each board member should provide addresses and photographs of their 5 nominations. Code Enforcement will need to check if any of the nominations have any violation. Beautification awards presentation will be scheduled for a City Commission in October 2024. Zones have been assigned as follows: Liz Parnes (Zone 1). Nancy Leslie (Zone 2). Sara Lane Conde (Zone 3 & 4). Carolina Estefan-Chahine (Zone 5). Amy Dash (Zone 6a-north), and Anne Boynton-Trigg and Kirk Schubert (Zone 6b-south).

- **STATE OF ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD CUTLER AND RED RD.:** Ms. Estefan-Chahine told the board that she spoke at the last commission meeting where she could advocate as a citizen for attention to this intersection. She discussed the conditions and asked the county to fix the problems. Mayor Lago had invited county commissioner Ms. Raquel Regalado to do a presentation to that

meeting and she said that the county has approved plans to fix that area. The project should start in June 2024 and \$1,250,000 has been allocated for the project that goes from Red Rd. / Old Cutler Rd. intersection to Cartagena Circle. The plan has not been shown yet and they have not shared the specifics like how they are going to alleviate the traffic flow, what are they going to do with the landscape area, etc. Ms. Estefan-Chahine said that it was discussed last time in the meeting that she would draft something that is more geared towards the realm of architectural landscaping. The board reviewed the letter she had drafted. A request to review project plans will be included in the final draft letter and it will be sent to Ms. Bell to forward it to the appropriate party in the county. **A motion was made to “approve the final draft letter to be sent to Ms. Bell to be forwarded to the appropriate party in the county”. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024, 10:30 AM