

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

Minutes of Meeting, February 6, 2020

War Memorial Youth Center

**MEMBERS**

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

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

P = Present

**GUESTS:**

Joanne Mathews, Coral Gables Garden Club Member and Arbor Day Liaison

Katy Sobrado, Coral Gables Garden Club Member

**OPEN MEETING:** The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the meeting at 8:33 a.m. A quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of January 9, 2020.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Approve the absence of Mr. Fadi Bahri.” 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 presentation will be held in the courtyard of City Hall. Board members were given a name tag. Discussion developed on the purchase of a sign. The sign was not approved due to budget limitations. **A motion was made to, Request that the FY 2020-21 budget include a special item for a sign to display at the Farmer’s Market Workshop.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Ms. Parnes will contact Public Affairs to review a flyer that can distribute before the workshop begins.

**ARBOR DAY EVENT:** The event is scheduled for Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The board decided to meet with the school on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Katy Sobrado will present the children’s program. Ms. Mathews will present the history of the one-room schoolhouse. Discussion developed on making a plaque the school’s tree planting. The plaque was not approved due to budget limitations. Discussion developed on a having future budgets include a line item for the expense of a tree plaque. **A motion was made to, “Request that the FY 2020-21 budget, and future budgets, include a line item for an Arbor Day tree plaque.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Ms. Mathews will ask the Coral Gables Garden Club if they would like to cover the cost of this year’s plaque. We are

waiting for the Clerk's Office to confirm the date and time of the presentation of the Proclamation and Landscape Beautification Awards. The residents receiving an awards will receive an invitation after the presentation date has been confirmed. The event agenda was reviewed. Discussion developed on the Children's program. Approximately two hundred children are expected to attend. During the meeting with the school the details will be discussed. Dignitaries will be invited. Discussion developed on the media release requirements for the children. Discussion developed on the trees that will be planted. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised the theme surrounding the historic schoolhouse will be a native Florida hammock species. The commemorative tree could be a Lignum-vitae. In the courtyard stoppers, and other smaller trees will be planted. The school's custodial staff will handle the irrigation. Off street parking will be available.

**LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** The board would like to have the awards presented by the Mayor at a City Commission Meeting. When the Tree City USA Recertification is approved, we can ask the Clerk's Office for a Commission Meeting date for the presentation of the Landscape Awards as well as the Arbor Day Proclamation. The award recipients will receive their invitations once the Commission Meeting date is confirmed. The board will also be invited.

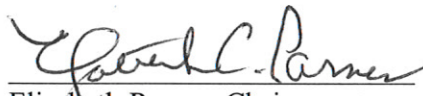
**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**PONCE CIRCLE PARK** - A public meeting will be held on February 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center. The consultant, Urban Robot, will present the concept design. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn can also present the design at a future board meeting.


**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Parnes inquired, on behalf of Steve Pearson, if the board would consider supporting the Royal Poinciana Fiesta. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised the request needs to be reviewed by the City Manager. An outline with the expenses involved will need to be presented before the City Manager. Ms. Parnes will ask Mr. Pearson to prepare the outline and give a presentation. Ms. Parnes mentioned the fencing at Betsy Adams Park is missing. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will follow up.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
Elizabeth Parnes, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020, 8:30 A.M.**  
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