

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES  
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
Minutes of Meeting, March 1, 2018  
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>*S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	
Ana Martin-Lavielle	-	-	-	E	P	A	P	P					Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Bonita Norman	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P					Vice Mayor Patricia Keon
Lucy Reinhardt	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P					Comm. Frank Quesada
Barbara Perez	-	-	-	P	E	P	P	P					Comm. Vince Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P					Comm. Michael Mena
Jose Garrigo	-	-	-	E	P	P	P	P					City Mgr. Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	-	-	-	P	P	P	E	P					Board as a Whole

**STAFF:**

Brook Dannemiller, Landscape Services Director, Board Secretary  
Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Services, Landscape Architect  
Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary

A = Absent  
P = Present  
E = Excused

**GUESTS:**

**OPEN MEETING:** The Chair, Barbara Perez, opened the meeting at 8:04 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 1, 2018. The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATIONS:** The board prepared to vote. Ballots were distributed. Photographs of the approved properties were displayed. Each member selected five properties. The votes were tallied. The following properties were selected as the award recipients: 195 Solano Prado, 816 Castile Avenue, 1437 Cantoria Avenue, 1221 Mariola Court, 538 Jeronimo Drive and 4650 Alhambra Circle.

**ARBOR DAY EVENT:** Ms. Perez advised a meeting with the Coral Gables Preparatory Administrator has been scheduled for Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:15 a.m. Ms. Norman advised that Betsy Tilghman confirmed she will present the history of Arbor Day.

**ROYAL POINCIANA FESTIVAL PLANNING:** The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018. Ms. Parnes advised the Royal Poinciana Committee will be selecting the event speaker. However, a back-up speaker is recommended. Mr. Dannemiller advised Jorge Rivera could give a presentation. Mr. Garrigo recommended Stephen Pearson. He will contact Mr. Pearson and advise the board. An Event Service Request will need to be submitted and Public Affairs will prepare the program.

**SEPARATED BIKE LANE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT:** The pilot study was completed. The board’s recommendation on the use of low-maintenance inground plantings was forwarded.

\*Hurricane Irma – no meeting

**UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:**

**THE BETSY ADAMS AND THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB PARK:** A fence installation instead of a wall is in the process. When the dedication has been confirmed the board will be informed.

**MAGGIORE PARK:** Cost effective changes are under consideration.

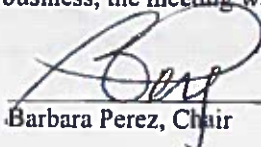
**FIVE PASSIVE PARKS:** The five design plans are under review.

**MERRICK HOUSE:** The construction renovations are complete. The landscape improvements are in the process. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn reviewed the historic drawings before creating the planting design. Information technology is trenching and it is temporarily stalling the planting process. Ms. Norman mentioned a time capsule was buried approximate 25 years ago. If it is found, the Garden Club would like to know.


**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Bell-Llewellyn is working on the planting design for the historic entrances. It will be presented before the board for review. A Miracle Mile celebration will be scheduled on April 2018. On Alhambra Circle between Ponce de Leon and LeJucune Road a landscape light is not working. Mr. Dannemiller will look into it. Discussion developed on the lighting used on Miralcle Mile.

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

**APPROVED:**

  
Barbara Perez, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD  
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018, 8:30 a.m.  
Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida**

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