

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Thursday, November 10, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.

- MEETING MINUTES -

| <b>MEMBERS</b>           | D  | J  | F  | M  | A  | M  | J  | S  | O  | N  | <b>APPOINTED BY:</b>  |
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| Carolina Estefan-Chahine | P  | P  | A  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | Mayor Lago            |
| Elizabeth Parnes         | P  | P  | P  | P  | E  | P  | E  | E  | P  | P  | Vice Mayor Mena       |
| Anne Boynton-Trigg       | .  | .  | .  | .  | .  | .  | P  | P  | P  | P  | Commissioner Anderson |
| Carmen Lizama-Gaspa      | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | E  | A  | Commissioner Fors, Jr |
| Nancy Leslie             | P  | P* | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | E  | E  | P  | Commissioner Menendez |
| Amy Dash                 | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | P  | A  | P  | P  | City Manager          |
| Maria Counts             | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | P  | P  | E  | P  | Board-As-A-Whole      |

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

**STAFF:**

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Assistant PW Director, Greenspace  
Sayleen Arocha, Landscape Designer, Greenspace

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was present.

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The board reviewed the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022” The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.**

## **PRESENTATIONS / DISCUSSIONS:**

- **LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS:** City zones were chosen by each board member: Liz Parnes (Zone 1). Nancy Leslie (Zone 2). Ann Boynton-Trigg (Zone 3). Carolina Estefan-Chahine (Zone 4). Maria Counts and Amy Dash (Zone 5). Each member should submit properties with addresses and photographs. Code Enforcement will need to approve the nominations. List of previous year nominations and City zone maps will be provided next meeting.

- **ARBOR DAY EVENT:** Discussion took place about hosting the Arbor Day event at Merrick Park along with the City's 100th anniversary inauguration. Furthermore, it was agreed that a yellow Royal Poinciana was selected as the tree to be planted on Arbor Day.

- **FARMER'S MARKET:** Discussion took place to choose a date for Farmer's Market presentation either for February 4th (first choice), February 11<sup>th</sup> (second choice) or March 4<sup>th</sup> (third choice) ***A motion was made to "have Farmer's Market presentation on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.***

City Arborist Jorge Rivera will be asked to do the presentation. The topics discussed for the events are the following: UF conservation of the butterflies, connect to protect, and protecting the Bay. ***A motion was made to "ask City Arborist Jorge Rivera to do a presentation at the Farmer's Market on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded, voted upon, and adopted unanimously.***

- **UPDATE PLANS FOR THE HISTORIC ENTRANCES:** As previously mentioned, the (7) historic entrances will be landscaped in phases and according to accessible funds. The plants selected for the historical entrances will consist of primarily native species to Florida. The selection of the pink flowering bougainvillea along the trellis will be reimplemented where applicable. The historical entrances will consist of the renovation of the fountains, painting of walls, installation of irrigation and landscaping. As a quick fix, landscape staff and volunteers will keep enhancing them as much as they can with the budget they have.

- **DISCUSSION ABOUT BEAUTIFICATION OF FIELD AT GRANADA BLVD AND PONCE DE LEON:** Ms. Boynton-Trigg has inquired about the site that sits on the corner of Granada Blvd and Ponce de Leon. Ms. Bell said that University of Miami owns it and that she has not heard of any future development. Ms. Bell has provided Ms. Boynton-Trigg the University Architect Mike Sardiñas who is the property contact.

- **DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON THE BOARD’S MISSION AND PURPOSE:** The board requested that a copy of an old Arbor Day program be sent by email so that the board can review the mission statement printed there.
- **UPDATE MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS:**  
Historic Entrance at Coral Way and Red Road: The flowering beds have been planted by FIU volunteer students and are blooming very well; many compliments have been received by the community.  
City Hall and 427 Biltmore Way: City Greenspace management staff will be proposing landscape designs to relandscape the new 427 and City Hall complex area.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:30 AM  
ADULT ACTIVITY CENTER - 2 ANDALUSIA AVE, CORAL GABLES, FL