

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

Minutes of Meeting, May 3, 2018
War Memorial Youth Center, Conference Room

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Acting Landscape Services Division Chief
Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services, Recording Secretary

A = Absent
P = Present
E = Excused

GUESTS:

Katy Sobrado, Coral Gables Garden Club and Arbor Day Liaison

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Barbara Perez, opened the meeting at 8:48 a.m., the roll was taken and a quorum was present. A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of April 5, 2018.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

Discussion developed on the possibility of attendance by telephone. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised that pursuant to the City Attorney’s office, attending a meeting via telephone will need to be approved by the board and a motion will need to be made. The request will need to be made in advance and a quorum must be present. Attendance rules will be reviewed during the next meeting. Ms. Reinhardt requested approval of her absence from the June meeting. A motion was made to “Approve Lucy Reinhardt’s absence in June 2018.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Discussion developed on the success of the Arbor Day Celebration. The children’s enthusiasm during the children’s program was delightful. The presentation by the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy 3rd and 4th graders was beautiful. The board expressed appreciation for the Garden Club’s annual donation for the Arbor Day tree, the homemade cookies and the books that were donated to the school. The board mentioned that commencing the event at 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. was a good decision. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised future celebrations will be held at different schools throughout the city. A five-year plan can be mapped out to provide a clear vision of the different locations. Improvements were discussed. The board expressed concern for the last minute changes in the format of the program. Ms. Norman mentioned the importance of including the Garden Club in the front page of the program. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn recommended speaking to the City Manager. Preparing the

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program earlier in the year was also suggested. The board recommended a preliminary walk-through of the participating school, reserved seating for city officials, a wireless microphone, appetizers and bottled water. Ms. Perez will look into the student's artwork display at the Library. Ms. Perez will also draft thank you notes for city staff to review and mail out.

Betsy Adams received the Landscape Award for the Betsy Adams and the Coral Gables Garden Club Park. The Yanes family accepted the Landscape Beautification Award for 195 Solano Prado. Mr. Yanes, the owner of Pure Beauty Farms a distributor of flowering plants, offered to donate flowering plants. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will look into the legal formalities. Ms. Norman mentioned the Library's landscape could use flowering plants. Ms. Perez offered to invite the Yanes family to the June meeting held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens. The board concurred.

ROYAL POINCIANA FIESTA: Ms. Parnes advised the landscape workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018 will launch the weeklong Royal Poinciana Fiesta. She confirmed it is a Fiesta, not a Festival. Ms. Parnes presented the event invite and program for the City's approval. The landscape improvements around the Scout Hut were completed. Facilities Maintenance will set up the podium, microphone and speakers. The Scout Hut will provide the tables. The Royal Poinciana Committee will provide the refreshments. City staff will assist with the set-up. Ms. Parnes mentioned that Monday, June 11th at 6:00 pm at Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens the Royal Poinciana Fiesta will have the closing event with a variety of activities. She encouraged everyone to attend.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

MIRACLE MILE STREETScape: The maintenance of Miracle Mile as well as Giralda Avenue is in the process of being contracted out.

HISTORIC ENTRANCES: The landscape improvements started at Balboa Plaza.

MERRICK HOUSE: The landscape improvements will be completed within a month. Althea's Flower Garden will be replicated.

LOUISE LAMAR CURRY PARK: The Parks Department will formally name the park before the Commission on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018. This will be a passive park with benches. A fence has been proposed. The design and budgeting will follow. A consultant will need to be hired and the permitting process will follow.

THE BETSY ADAMS AND THE CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB PARK: AECOM is preparing the drawings for the perimeter wall. The permitting process will follow.

VENETIAN POOL PARKING LOT: Landscape improvements will be completed before Memorial Day.

TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: The hurricane damaged trees in the swale will be replaced.

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DISCUSSION: Discussion developed on who would be attending the June 21, 2018 meeting at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 8:30 a.m. The attendance of six was confirmed. Ms. Perez will see if the Yanes family will attend.

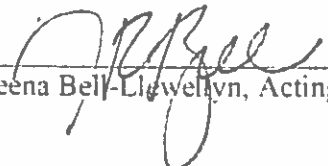
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

APPROVED



Barbara Perez, Chair

ATTEST

 6/25/18

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Acting Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018, 8:30 a.m.
FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDENS, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

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