

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

Minutes of Meeting, April 5, 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				Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Bonita Norman	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P				Vice Mayor Patricia Keon
Lucy Reinhardt	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P				Comm. Frank Quesada
Barbara Perez	-	-	-	P	E	P	P	P	P				Comm. Vince Lago
Elizabeth Parnes	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P				Comm. Michael Mena
Jose Garrigo	-	-	-	E	P	P	P	P	P				City Mgr. Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Robert Berman	-	-	-	P	P	P	E	P	P				Board as a Whole

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Acting Public Service 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 March 1, 2018, as corrected.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** Mr. Garrigo advised he will not be able to attend the May meeting and requested the board’s approval in advance. **A motion was made to “Approve Joe Garrigo’s absence from the May 3, 2018 meeting.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

City staff changes were mentioned. Brook Dannemiller is now Acting Assistant Public Works Director – Field Services. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn is now Acting Landscape Service Division Chief and Board Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS:

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD NOMINATIONS: 538 Jeronimo Drive was an incorrect address. The correct address is 536 Jeronimo Drive. Betsy Adams will not be able to accept the award for 4560 Alhambra Circle.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: Ms. Perez can not attend the event. Mr. Berman will lead the ceremony. **A motion was made to “Approve Vice Chair Robert Berman as host of Arbor Day.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.** The program was reviewed. *Coral Gables Preparatory Academy* is the official name. *Landscape Service Division* should be inserted next to *Tree Planting*. The agenda was reviewed. The children’s program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Berman will introduce the Children’s Program Coordinator Katy Sobrado. The Miami-Dade County Extension Center will join the celebration by setting up display tables. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn gave an update on the trees planted. A *Bulnesia Arborea* was planted on the

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Minorca Avenue side of the school. Several other native species were planted throughout the school grounds. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will not be able to attend the Arbor Day Celebration. The e-invitation was reviewed. The contact number should be changed to (305) 460-5346. A motion was made to "Approve the Arbor Day e-invitation, as corrected." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. Public Affairs will handle the printing. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will confirm the Honor Guard. The invocation will be looked into for future events. The Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented at the City Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 24th, 2018.

ROYAL POINCIANA FESTIVAL PLANNING: The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2018. Ms. Parnes advised that Stephen Pearson will be the speaker. The topic should cover the history of the Royal Poinciana. The area around the Scout House has been landscaped. Ms. Parnes will look into how the event should be identified, *Fiesta* or *Festival*.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

MIRACLE MILE STREETSCAPE: The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will conduct a walkthrough on the south side to identify needed improvements. Discussion developed on maintenance of Miracle Mile.

HISTORIC ENTRANCES: The Landscape Service Division will provide the landscape improvements. Colorful plants will be used.

MERRICK HOUSE: The north side was landscaped. The south side is in the process of landscape improvements.

VENETIAN POOL LOT: Landscape improvements are in the process. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will look when this project will go before the Commission.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Garrigo extended an invitation to have a board meeting at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Discussion developed. The board agreed to have the June meeting at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on Thursday, June 21st, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. A motion was made, "To have the June board meeting at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens on Thursday, June 21st, 2018 at 8:30 a.m." The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.

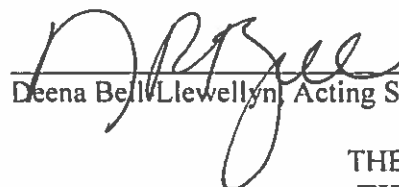
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

APPROVED:



Barbara Perez, Chair

ATTEST:



Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Acting Secretary

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018, 8:30 a.m.**

Youth Center Conference Room, 405 University Drive, Coral Gables, Florida

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