

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
 Minutes of Meeting, March 5, 2020
 War Memorial Youth Center

MEMBERS

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

STAFF:

Deena Bell-Llewellyn, Landscape Architect and Board Secretary
 Ayliin Hernandez, Landscape Services Recording Secretary

A = Absent
 E = Excused
 P = Present

GUESTS:

OPEN MEETING: The Chair, Elizabeth Parnes, opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was present. **A motion was made to “Approve the minutes of February 6, 2020.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Approve the absence of Diane Perez.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously. A motion was made to “Approve the absence of Susan Rodriguez.” The motion was seconded, voted upon and adopted unanimously.**

FARMER’S MARKET WORKSHOP: The board was very pleased with the workshop. The Florida Power and Light community liaison, Frank Cantero, gave a great presentation. Jorge Riviera also gave a great presentation. Discussion developed on improving attendance of future workshops. Give away seedlings were mentioned. A schedule change was requested. The board inquired on a time slot change 10:00, 10:30 or 11:00 am. The board will prepare a thank you note. More chairs will be needed at next year’s workshop. A quote for the retractable banner will be submitted for consideration in the Fy2000-21 Budget preparations.

ARBOR DAY EVENT: The event is scheduled for Friday, April 24th, 2020. Mr. Bahri provided an update on the meeting with Sunset Elementary School. The following individuals were in attendance: Dr. Leyte-Vidal, Ms. Hurtado, Ms. Diaz-Brown, Ms. Flores, Ms. Bell-Llewellyn, Ms. Mathews, Ms. Sobrado, Mr. Bahri and Ms. Hernandez. The event will begin at 9:30 am. Our elected officials and administrators will be invited. Discussion developed on the number of chairs. Ms. Hernandez will advise the school they will need to provide the chairs. The event agenda was reviewed. The event program was also reviewed. The program will include parking availability and the school’s security check. The Landscape Services Division will handle the tree plantings. They will also provide 250 native plant seedlings, for the children. Mr. Bahri requested that we check with the school whether this will be a public event. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn

advise our City Attorney's Office will provide guidance. Ms. Parnes will request special consideration for the expense of an annual plaque that will be presented to the participating school.

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The Landscape Beautification Awards will be presented by the Mayor at the Commission Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 at 8:30 am at City Hall, 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL. The award recipients were notified via US mail.

The board will receive copies of the letters sent to the award recipients.

UPDATE ON MISCELLANEOUS CITY PROJECTS:

PONCE CIRCLE PARK - Ms. Bell-Llewellyn advised the consultants and traffic engineers are working on safe and colorful cross walks for the community. Miami-Dade County is involved in the review process. Ms. Bell-Llewellyn will present the design before the board when the design is ready.

FIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROJECT: The Five Neighborhood Parks Projects will have ribbon cuttings soon.

BETSY ADAMS PARK – An inquiry was made on the missing fence. The homeowner is installing a decorative fence.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Parnes updated the board on the Royal Poinciana Fiesta. She mentioned Steve Pearson requested the City's assistance with this event. Ms. Parnes will forward an outline of the event to the City Manager's Office, for review.

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

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020, 8:30 A.M.
CORAL GABLES VIRTUAL MEETING, CORAL GABLES, FL
<https://zoom.us/j/94816686579>**

These minutes were approved at the virtual meeting of September 3rd, 2020.