



**City Hall Commission Chambers
1100 Park Lane East
Oakland Park, Florida 33334**

**BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD
JUNE 25, 2026 5:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 5/28/2026

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City Business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

ITEMS TO CONSIDER

3. Summer Break

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

4. Temporary Liaison Announcement

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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**CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

MEETING DATE: 6/25/2026

**PREPARED
BY:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD
APPROVAL:**

Beautification Advisory
Board Department

SUBJECT: 5/28/2026

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

2. CURRENT ACTIVITY

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

4. RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS:

5/28/26 Minutes



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**MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MAY 28, 2026, 5:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Beautification Advisory Board of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board Chair Caraglia.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Ralph Caraglia
Vice Chair Randy Washington
Board Member Robert Brach
Board Member Rose Booth
Board Member Kelly Medina
Board Member Douglas Weisz

Also Present:

Board Liaison Molly Ferch
Board Secretary Monica Arbelaez

Absent:

Board Member Kirk Hoosac

Pledge to the Flag

The board members took a moment to stand and honor the flag by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Weisz requested that the minutes reflect that concerns regarding Floranada Road were first raised with the Assistant City Manager Sierra Marrero by email on January 17, 2026, and that the inquiry has remained pending for approximately six months without response or resolution.

Board Chair Caraglia noted that the current minutes could be approved as presented and subsequently amended to include additional information regarding the date of the original inquiry.

Board Member Brach moved to approve the minutes for April 23, 2026. Board Member Weisz seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Board Chair Ralph Caraglia, Vice Chair Randy Washington, , Board Member Robert Brach, Board Member Douglas Weisz Board Member Rose Booth, Board Member Kelly Medina.

2. Public Comments

None.

Chair Caraglia noted the presence of a member of the public, Tiernan Brosseau, owner of Greensward of Florida. Mr. Brosseau introduced himself as an arborist and explained that his company primarily provides property maintenance services, with additional work in landscaping, tree care, and irrigation. He attended as an observer and did not provide public comments.

3. City Landscaping Projects Presentation

Presentation by Horticulturist Lizabeth Fiore.

- **Powerline Road**

Ms. Fiore provided an update on landscape improvements completed along Powerline Road, which were identified as the first beautification project undertaken during the year. The project included enhancements to multiple sectors and involved planting landscape bulb-outs and adding trees to medians. Approximately \$60,000 was invested in the improvements, which were completed in two phases: tree installation followed by understory landscaping by a separate contractor.

Ms. Fiore also reported on a grant-funded tree planting project along the northern edge of the Blule Heron Lake. The project was developed in two phases, with staff assisting in the preparation of the landscape plans. The first phase received \$15,000 in grant funding and included a diverse tree planting plan designed to meet grant requirements regarding species distribution. A second grant application was subsequently approved for an additional \$50,000, expanding the project to cover a larger portion of the lake frontage from Veterans Park south toward the bridge area.

Implementation of the lakefront project has been delayed pending installation of an irrigation system. Plans are underway to install a main irrigation line and extend bubblers to support the new tree plantings.

- **Prospect Road**

Ms. Fiore presented information regarding streetscape improvements, specifically referencing bulb-outs on Prospect Road, which were previously completed through contracted work. Bulb-outs are landscape features positioned parallel to sidewalks and roadways.

- **Centennial Park**

Landscape improvements, particularly around the splash pad area. The goal was to replace failing plants and introduce low-maintenance landscaping suitable for high-traffic public use and exposure to chlorinated water. A protective border was added around the splash pad. Relocated shade-sensitive native palms under oak trees for better growth conditions. Cleaned up and consolidated underperforming or poorly placed plants

- **Andrews Avenue**

The medians will be addressed in the next budget cycle. Ms. Fiore described the planning approach, plant selection process and challenging conditions like irrigation inconsistencies. Based on experience, the plan is to reuse plant species that have proven successful in similar conditions and prioritize durability and resilience over purely aesthetic choices.

- **Lakeside Sand Park Preserve**

Ms. Fiore highlighted the importance of environmental management and maintenance at Lakeside and Pine Preserve. Chris Lockhart, habitat specialist, continues to provide annual evaluations and detailed reports to the city. Her expertise in native plants, invasive species, and habitat preservation is highly valued.

Closing the reserve, except for limited access, has led to recovery of vegetation, return of wildlife, and reduced debris. Overall conditions significantly improved compared to previous years.

The preserve is showing strong ecological recovery, but continued attention is needed to address infrastructure issues (broken bench, damaged fence and rusted

pavilion roof), safety risks (cigarette butts), and ongoing environmental management to protect this unique ecosystem.

Chair Caraglia thanked Ms. Fiore for her presentation and invited questions from the board.

Board Member Washington raised concern about Wag Dog Park at 38th Street and 6th Avenue. The small dog section lacks shade trees entirely, which creates uncomfortable and potentially unsafe conditions, especially in heat, while the large dog section has multiple mature trees, making it more comfortable.

Ms. Fiore acknowledged the issue and noted it as important. She will explore adding shade trees to improve conditions

4. Staff Liaison Report

KOPB at Pride

Board Liaison Molly Ferch talked about upcoming events. She plans to set up a Keep Oakland Park Beautiful tent at Pride event on June 5, 2026, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM at Jaco Pastorius Park. The purpose of the tent is to promote KOPB initiatives, engage the community, distribute giveaways (reusable dishcloths, utensils, straws) and provide educational materials (trifold brochure). Volunteers are required and several board members expressed availability for partial or full shifts

KOPB Award

The first award presentation under the updated program was successfully completed in the city Commission meeting on May 20th, 2026. The feedback was very positive, and award recipients were pleased. They received a gift bag, a weatherproof sign (kept permanently) and a signed plaque.

Centennial Park / Library Opening

Date: July 3 Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Includes ribbon cutting and celebration

5. Reports from the Board - Other Business

Chair Caraglia expressed a concern about pedestrian safety near Royal Park Condominiums (38th Street). Residents must cross busy areas to access nearby parks and trails. Existing crossing routes are indirect and unsafe. The suggested solution would be to install a signalized or flashing crosswalk like one previously implemented near Funky Buddha.

Condo association will submit an email with location details (via map). Board Liaison Molly Ferch will route the request to the appropriate department.

Board Member Washington talked about ongoing issues with large trucks entering residential streets, and lack of directional signage preventing them from doing so to avoid safety risks and property damage. He reported an incident in his home where a truck drove through yard, destroying three mature pony palm trees. There was no accountability or follow-up from driver.

The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2026.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:00 PM

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK,
FLORIDA

RALPH CARAGLIA, CHAIR

ATTEST:

MONICA ARBELAEZ, BOARD SECRETARY

**CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.

MEETING DATE: 6/25/2026

PREPARED BY: Molly Ferch

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL:

Beautification Advisory
Board Department

SUBJECT: Summer Break

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CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA
BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA ITEM REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.

MEETING DATE: 6/25/2026

PREPARED BY:	Molly Ferch	DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL:	Beautification Advisory Board Department
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SUBJECT: Temporary Liaison Announcement

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