

Landscape Committee Minutes

May 12, 2015

Present; Roz Warner, John Stevens, Phylis Balestra, Donna Marrs, Judy Jones

February minutes reviewed and approved.

On Ron Kurtis' absence, Roz supplied a brief description of his findings. In regards to changing the lighting of the county lights along Waterlefe Blvd to become more cost effective, the cost is over \$1000 per light. He was working with Ringling College in regards to finding cost information of some sort of statue for circle. Ron has looked into additional lighting for our entrance.

2016 Budget: Roz mentioned that since Austin's contract comes up for renewal in October, the CDD will be soliciting new bids. Additionally it is most likely the costs will go up because of higher costs of manpower, plants and fertilizer since the last contract.

On this tentative budget, \$70,000 has been budgeted for next phase (circle). We will be soliciting ideas and bids for some type of cascading water fountain. Several types of trees were also suggested. They will be forwarded to Tyree at Rizzetta for his input.

The flowers for next planting will be planted May 25 (Memorial weekend) or June 1 by Oscar. Austin will be adding top soil to Sand Crane (both sides). Oscar will add top soil to Misty Pond and Whooping Crane. We hope this solves the problem with the poor flowers but think watering is also a major problem. We will be planting more perennials. The poor ? quality of the flowers purchased from the prison was discussed. If not improved this planting, we will discontinue buying from prison but will consider buying from wholesaler. Phylis will advise how much the flowers will cost so that a check request can be issued. Oscar will be advised to add fertilizer with each plant. Austin will be advised to clean all flower beds on May 29-30. Residents will be advised they can remove the geraniums from May 27 to May 30.

Roz is meeting with Austin Thursday May 14 at 9 am to review the work done on the berms and Waterlefe Blvd. We all felt more juniper was to be removed. The berms look good.

When questioned about the rocks which were to be added to two cul de sacs, I advised Austin had said they were now in their Landscape Office.

Several Landscape committee members have not been at several meetings. They will be sked if they still wish to be committee members.

Roz Warner