

Minutes from landscape committee meeting in Lefe Room on May 19, 2017

Members in Attendance-

Art Miller
Dona Lasseter
Nancy Rechcigl
Karen Bobo
Bill Strollo - CDD liaison to committee

Members not in attendance-

Sig Feile
Tom King
Ron Curtis
Sue Sauermilch
Ishrut Batjer

Non-members in attendance-

Angela Potter (prospective committee member)
Donna Maars (former committee member)

Dona welcomed all in attendance. Minutes were approved from last meeting.

1. SUMMER ANNUALS -- The committee decided on Vincas and Dusty Miller plants to replace the existing red geraniums. (Subsequent to our meeting, our chairman was advised by Mariposa Nursery, commercial division, that it is too close to the rainy season to plant Vincas. Their roots need to have more time in the ground before regular rain or they will not survive. The nursery recommended Pentas instead. Also, Dusty Miller is not available this time of year in FL, so for contrast and front border, we are using Blue Daze instead of Dusty Miller. Next year we can plan ahead and plant Vincas earlier if we want. Dusty Miller, however, is not available in the summer here.)
2. Dona will email Yellowstone to cut back roses near front entrance and fertilize them (to see if the roses improve). If they do not improve, we will have them removed in future. We decided to not prune Crepe Myrtles until July or August. They will bloom even though they were not cut back, according to Nancy. Next year, we need to be sure they are pruned earlier in the year.
3. John Crawford is getting a quote from Terry's Tree Service to cut back oak trees on Medallion's property that overhang Waterlefe's wall. Some irrigation that was not working has recently been fixed in said area. Nancy recommended pruning the Viburnum hedge along the perimeter wall by one-third to see if it will green up and thicken. If it doesn't, we will need to address alternatives in the future.
4. The committee will submit Nancy's revised landscape drawings for the back gate (inside and out); also at Rainbow Ct. east/west monument areas. Art Miller will seek bids for these areas from White Diamond and Mr. Best Landscaping. Bids have already been obtained from Yellowstone for all three areas. The CDD board approved a "not to exceed" amount totalling \$12,000 for these three areas so we can proceed immediately after a bid is approved.

5. The roundabout/circle -- Dona will ask John Crawford to get two quotes to remove the existing dead palm tree. Our committee decided to request new design ideas from Artistree Landscaping, Mike Gilkey and Associates and another company. Nancy will handle this task.
6. Art Miller will draft a notice, to be distributed to homeowners, regarding the island irrigation issues and that solar devices are being installed to resolve the problem, plus future landscaping projects.
7. Bill Strollo is going to recommend to the board to remove 3 committee members due to lack of attendance -- Sue Sauermilch, Ron Curtis and Ishrut Batjer
8. Karen Bobo will contact Rita or Jeff in Property Management to secure a large community map to mark areas in Waterlefe for future landscape projects.
9. Angela Potter attended this meeting to explore joining our committee.
10. Donna Maars attended this meeting to address her concerns about the Ligustrum trees that appear to be dying along Waterlefe Blvd. as well as other problem areas. She brought photos of said areas and shared her knowledge from past experience being on this committee. Bill Strollo asked Donna if she wants to re-join our committee. Donna declined, adding that we seem to have a good blend of committee members now.