

Minutes from 7-21-2017 Landscape Committee Meeting

In attendance- CDD Liaison- Bill Strollo
Rizzetta- John Crawford
Landscape Committee- Dona Lasseter, Karen Bobo,
Nancy Rechcigl, Art Miller-by phone.

Committee voted to approve minutes from last meeting. Nancy motioned to approve Karen 2nd the motion.

We discussed the 3 landscape bids from Brightview, LMP and ArtisTree. All 3 companies responded to some questions we had about the bids, via John Crawford. The BIG question was how could the square footage of Waterlefe's CDD area vary so greatly between the 3 companies, i.e., grass, ornamentals & number of palm trees. This will be a key question to ask on Monday at the special CDD meeting where all three companies will be present for Q & A with the Board members.

Dona provided us with references that she, herself, spoke with for all three companies.

Nancy educated us on fertilizer differences and reasons why she feels it is important to use one fertilizer (8-2-12-4) which is the best for ALL areas, including palms, ornamentals, Bahia and Saint Augustine. With that fertilizer (8-2-12-4), Nancy feels that three applications per year is sufficient. Skipping the fourth (August) application will save Waterlefe money.

On Monday, 7/24/17 at the special CDD meeting when a new landscape company will be selected by the Board, Andy Cohen, CDD attorney, is going to ask that one vendor, at a time, make their presentation to the CDD board members and audience. Bill Strollo said that he will recommend to the Board that the landscape committee also be allowed to ask the three landscape companies questions during the Q & A process.

Bill Strollo read a letter from Andy Cohen's law firm that was written to Yellowstone regarding Rizzetta & Waterlefe holding back payments to Yellowstone until replacement of dead plants due to irrigation problems, lack of fertilization etc. is resolved. All correspondence, instructions to make any changes to landscaping in Waterlefe etc. must go through John Crawford. John Crawford told us that Yellowstone recently used a fertilizer on Waterlefe shrubs and ornamentals that is ONLY supposed to be used on grass. The label on said fertilizer specifies that it is NOT to be used on shrubs, nor ornamentals! John is not certain what impact that will have on our landscaping. Karen asked what recourse we will have if Yellowstone's contract is cancelled by the time any negative impact is discovered. That is a questions for Andy Cohen.

Terry's Tree Service's estimate has been approved to trim the Hong Kong orchid trees along UMRR and to remove two diseased palms but the county wants a permit (for \$300) to remove the palms. Nancy suggested we trim the magnolias along UMRR at the same time so that they maintain a good shape. Regarding the permit to remove the palm trees, Nancy is going to call the county on Monday, 7/24/17 to question why we need a permit. Nancy was formerly an agent

with the county and stated that such a permit was never required in the past. We will need to wait until the palm in the roundabout is removed before we plant some temporary flowers

around the perimeter of existing dirt area in the roundabout. We also discussed possibly taking out the oak tree in the island at Misty Pond and Discovery.

Its roots are huge and are likely to eventually tear up the curb and streets on either side since the drip line of the tree already overhangs each street. We need to make a decision on the tree before we re-plant new shrubs in said island.

We discussed a leak at the guard house and whether it is caused by irrigation of the bed in front of the guard house or something else. In the field inspection on 7/21/17, Dona & John turned on the sprinkler system to ascertain whether that water was spraying toward the guard house.

It does not, so it appears that the leak has nothing to do with the sprinkler system on the bed in front of the guard house. John Crawford will follow up with Alan Haibach on said issue.

We also discussed and decided to replace the Sunpatiens in front of the guard house. They have gotten very leggy and cannot handle the summer heat anymore. Nancy suggested we first pull out the Sunpatiens, then determine what is best to plant with the Gold Mound bushes etc. The Sunpatiens have gotten so tall that they obstruct being able to see the remaining new landscaping.