

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES

14 December 2016

Present at the meeting were: T King, R Carroll, I Batjer, J Crawford, J Fowler, J Brocki.

New Committee members provided that they have not received CDD e-mail addresses. J Brocki will contact S Dietz to correct.

The Committee reviewed the landscape surrounding the guard house at the entrance to Waterlefe. The pygmy date palm in front of the guard house is blocking the view of guard personnel and will be relocated. Yellowstone will provide a landscape design for the guard house area by mid January.

The Committee discussed the plan for the update of the landscape at the main traffic circle in Waterlefe. The Committee recommended leaving the existing palm tree and sod in place, and adding two large magnolia trees. For color, the committee recommended weeping bottle brush jatrophia, crotons and ground cover plants. The Committee also favored the placement of decorative walls to accentuate elevation differences at the circle.

The Committee discussed the poor condition of the knock out roses along Upper Manatee River Road and at the entrance to Waterlefe. The Committee recommended taking steps to revive the roses if possible, and will review possible replacement plants.

The Committee discussed the deterioration of the juniper and hawthorn plants in the islands along Waterlefe Boulevard. Dead plants will be removed as they occur, and Yellowstone will provide a landscape design with replacement plantings.

The Committee discussed appropriate plantings for placement in front of the monuments at the entrance to Waterlefe. Yellowstone will provide pricing for variegated minima jasmine, as well as decorative stone for the area.

R Kurtis was asked to review the Landscape Committee web site and recommend improvements.

The ligustrum at the entrance to Waterlefe have grown uneven, and are blocking the light fixtures. Yellowstone recommended several trimmings over the next year to gradually lower the height and thin out the ligustrum.

The committee discussed several options for the cul-de-sac circles including trimming the plants from the bottom and/or removing every other plant. Yellowstone provided that either option would result in the plantings looking bare.

The next Landscape Committee meeting is planned for January 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m..