

MINUTES from CDD Landscape Committee Meeting, Friday, April 6, 2018

Attending: Committee members Dona Lasseter, Karen Bobo, Tom King, and Angela Potter; Bill Strollo, CDD Liaison; John Toborg from Rizzetta; and Scott Murrell from ArtisTree

Absent: Sig Feile, Mike Jacobs and Nancy Rechcigl

Dona called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Minutes from March 2, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Disposition of past issues:

- Regarding landscape lighting along UMRR, Mike has overseen resolution of problems with existing lights. 20 additional stake lights have been ordered and should complete the existing lighting. Quotes will then be obtained from ArtisTree and other vendors to add new lighting to the north side of UMRR, to the guard house and possibly from the guard house to Sand Crane. Once those quotes have been obtained, they will be submitted to the CDD for approval and completion of the lighting project.
- Palms around street lights have been pruned.
- Area where Junipers were removed at Fish Hook & roundabout has now been mulched.
- Most of the frost damage has been trimmed, though a few areas remain. These will be addressed with routine maintenance.
- Crossandras at southside entrance on UMRR still need to be removed.
- Most pentas have been pruned, though the ones at Rainbow still need attention.
- Viburnum project (trimming to 8' along south wall) has been completed.
- Monuments and balustrades have all been repaired, power washed and painted. Payment to vendor is to be expedited by Rizzetta.
- The large palm tree stump behind the south monument at main entrance has been removed. Invoice is to be sent to John Toborg for payment.
- Replanting in front of monuments:

Plant selection reviewed. Superbena has still not been sourced. If unable to locate enough for the planters in monuments, the option of using portulaca was entertained. Existing soil still needs to be replaced.

Per Scott, planting of annuals will begin April 18.

Knockout roses are looking much better, but the committee agreed that they still need to be replaced with podocarpus. Depending on how the Knockout roses look after being dug up, we may have them transplanted elsewhere within the community, possibly give them to Watch II for them to replant or other locations, to be determined.

- Addition of time-released fertilizer was again addressed and will be added every 3 months, as allowed by law.
- Regarding drip line around viburnum, ArtisTree will be reassessing, adding more irrigation, cleaning and mulching. The water source for irrigation was questioned and will be researched and clarified.
- CDD approved quote for Portside Terrace pine straw. The area in question will be completely cleared of weeds and other unwanted plant material and pine straw then applied.
- CDD has approved the quote from White Diamond to remove tree from “Bird Island” with mandate that other existing plant material is to be cleaned up and area planted with flowering ground cover. Options for ground cover were discussed, including Beach Sunflower and wedelia. Though classified as an “invasive species” in Florida, wedelia spreads by roots so being planted on an island will keep it contained.
- Discovery Terrace north cul de sac island replacement tree still undecided. Shady Lady and magnolias were two options discussed.
- Property along Hamer Bridge Road needs planting for noise abatement. John Toborg submitted ideas for this area, as well as the golf course along UMRR. Nancy had suggested poinciana, but John noted problems with this species in the proposed location. He will talk directly to Nancy. A motion was made and approved to create a plan of attack and request quotes for a natural buffer.
- There is a dead tree on Waterlefe property along UMRR. Shady Lady was mentioned as a possible replacement.
- John and Scott reviewed the berm at Misty Pond and Discovery, and a plan for irrigation and planting will be presented by John.

The bank in front of the northernmost monument on UMRR slopes severely. Scott has been asked to submit a quote for reshaping the bed so that it more closely resembles the southern monument. Confederate Jasmine was discussed as a possible planting for this area prone to erosion.

In an effort to abate traffic noise from UMRR, two additional fountains are recommended by the committee for pond #2. Said fountains shall be like the existing one closest to UMRR. They will

enhance the main entry appearance to all entering Waterlefe along with helping abate traffic noise.

Hong Kong orchids along UMRR still need to be reshaped. Still waiting for Scott to submit a quote to trim them and schedule asap.

Crape myrtles will be shaped but not pencil pruned.

Landscape around back gate was addressed. It was noted that White Diamond did not plant enough plants, and some plants are not thriving. The irrigation of this area will be evaluated by ArtisTree before adding more plants.

At the roundabout, two or three of the bougainvillea trees appear to be dead. It was suggested that these bushes would be cut back to see if they will rebound. Also, the ixora will be fertilized.

John presented his notes from the site visit from March 9, 2018, which was briefly reviewed and will serve as action items before next committee meeting.

Dona made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m., which was seconded by Karen.

The next Landscape Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2018, same time and place.