

Landscape Committee Meeting on 10/6/17

In attendance: Bill Strollo (CDD liaison), Dona Lasseter (committee chairman), Angela Potter, Tom King, Nancy Rechcigl, Karen Bobo, Mike Jacobs

John Crawford - Rizzetta

Shawn Gulbrandsen - ArtisTree

Dona introduced Mike Jacobs to the group. He is interested in being on the landscape committee. Dona added that Art Miller has advised her that he is not interested in continuing to be on the committee. Bill will ask the CDD board to formally approve removing Art from the committee on 10/16/17.

Shawn, from ArtisTree, went over the roundabout island design. It will start on Wednesday 11th at 8:30am. They will be putting down plywood to protect the new asphalt. First 3 days will be removal of existing plants, stump and dirt removal. Monday will start the boulder placement and palm trees. Tuesday will, most likely, begin placing the remaining plants. Upon arrival on the 11th, the decision will be made to decide where the current healthy crotons and alamandas will be replanted.

The entrance to Waterlefe is the next project for the landscape committee. We discussed removing the remainder of the roses and cedar trees. The cedar trees will be transplanted to another location. We will leave the ligustrum trees on each side of the Waterlefe monuments. We feel the front entrance needs better lighting. Shawn is going to ask their lighting distributor to set up a demo of lights at our main entry area to show us how it could look. He will get back to Dona as to when this can happen. There are six or seven additional light fixtures available for our use that have been stored with property management. There used to be lights, illuminating the oak trees, on Upper Manatee River Rd on the north and south sides of the entrance. Some light fixtures are still present but not working. John Crawford will have an inspection done on all the lights we currently have in place.

The landscape area in front of the guardhouse needs annuals planted. We are considering petunias. Most of the fall/winter annuals will be available the end of October or beginning of November.

Next, we discussed the center island between the main entrance and guard house. It needs additional plants, that will match current ones, to fill in blank

areas. There are one or two ligustrum trees in the same center island (as cited above) that have blown over from the hurricane and need to be removed. John thinks that pruning will remedy other ligustrums that are now slanted and cannot be placed perfectly upright.

The minutes from the last meeting were passed around; there was a motion to approve by Angela Potter and seconded by Nancy Rechcigl.

Nancy mentioned that the Rainbow Court monuments lack lighting on the right side. John Crawford will follow up on this.

Shawn talked about the Discovery Terrace circle. What do we want to put there to replace palm that was removed. Shady Lady tree is an option with ixora plants around the tree in lieu of the split leaf philodendrons.

We talked about repainting the front entrance monuments to eliminate the gold color. We will include in our revision plan to paint them the same color as the lower color of the River Club.

Our next meeting is November 3rd at 2pm in the property management conference room.