

MINUTES

Landscape Committee Meeting, January 4, 2019

Members Present: Dona, Karen, Nancy, Mike; GM Steve Dietz; John Toborg of Rizzetta; John Ziegler of ArtisTree; Jim Potantus of CrossPoint Landscaping (Bill Strollo, CDD Liaison, was out of town, therefore, not present)

Dona called the meeting to order at 2pm. Quorum present.

November minutes approved.

Dona stated that she and Steve met with Jim prior to the meeting to discuss options for renovating the landscaping at the front entrance and along Waterlefe Blvd to The Circle.

Jim noted that the existing median has "good bones", so a complete tear down is not needed. He said the median looks better, now that the scraggly Junipers have been removed. He indicated that we could see improvements by installing "inexpensive pops" in some areas. He suggested that we could consider three options: a Tropical Format; an Eclectic Style; and a Classic/Traditional Style. Jim offered to assemble a list of plant options to present to the committee for review and discussion at a Special Meeting on January 18th. After preferences are determined, Jim will design a plan for one portion of the median, for presentation at our next meeting and at the CDD Board's Two Year Plan Workshop on February 18th. Following revisions and approval, that plan could then be duplicated along the entire Boulevard. Jim will not charge a design fee unless he does not get the contract.

Steve Dietz will set up a meeting with ArtisTree designer Clinton Lak to formulate a similar plan, so we have at least two competitive bids to review. ArtisTree will charge a design fee but said fee would be applied to the total cost of the project if they get the contract.

John Ziegler suggested we replace the overgrown Ligustrum trees that obstruct the view of the Front Entrance monuments, replacing them with something smaller that will showcase the monuments. Jim and all Committee members agreed that was an excellent idea. John Ziegler also said we should remove all Oleanders because they are leggy and are being eaten by caterpillar. John Toborg agreed, so the committee is requesting that Oleanders be removed as part of the renovation.

Nancy expressed a desire for continuity along The Blvd, and everyone agreed. Renovations will include tweaking the median between UMRR and The Gatehouse to achieve symmetry as well as filling in some of the open spaces between The Gatehouse and The Circle. However, we don't want to overcrowd the space because it looks better with a little breathing room. The plan will keep ongoing maintenance expenses in mind. Jim will return and tour the community with Steve and possibly a committee representative.

OTHER ITEMS

Committee decided to have ArtisTree install Evergreen Lariope in the Winding Stream median at The Circle, after the Shady Lady tree is transplanted there from the Discovery East cul de sac.

John Z reports that the Discovery East cul de sac renovation will begin on January 23rd. Shady Lady tree will be transplanted at that time.

Mulch will be applied community-wide on January 7, including along the south wall and the golf course comfort stations at a total depth of 3". Ramco Mulch will apply mulch after a delay caused by mulch shortage.

John T and John Z will coordinate fertilizer applications.

John Z reports The Circle is too wet, putting Bouganvillea trees in distress. He will inspect irrigation and scale back if appropriate.

Small Foxtail in Circle will be replaced when an appropriately sized substitute is located.

John Z reports new flower beds will be installed at the cart path crossing between the 3rd and 4th golf holes in the Waterlefe Blvd median on January 30. Other crossings may be done as part of the overall median renovation plan.

Irrigation system being revamped along Viburnum wall at Mossy Branch. Inadequate drip lines (& pressure to existing one line) has been causing the shrubs to die repeatedly.

Berm needs to be addressed at outbound Misty Pond to Discovery.

John Z hopes to begin the new Detail Crew schedule soon. Having issues hiring a crew chief.

Steve reports that he has signed a contract with FPL to convert streetlights from incandescent to LED. Two to three months before conversion will begin.

Steve will update Committee members with project progress reports every two weeks between monthly meetings.

Steve reports that ArtisTree has been doing a much better job. John Toborg agrees and notes that there's a lot fewer "red" items in his field reports. It was noted that John Z has personally been putting in extra effort here and has been very proactive in problem solving.

Dona reports some concerns about the Christmas decorations vendor, i.e., lights slipping on Royal Palms, burned out bulbs etc.. He may or may not be back next year. He is storing our lights and decorations, which we purchased from him this year.

Steve is consulting with Andy Cohen about the proper way to farm out work to his employees. This involves work that ArtisTree fails to complete. Steve would then charge back to ArtisTree.

John T and Dona reviewed John's December Field Inspection Report. List is getting shorter. (See report for details.)

Mike reports that FPL has installed meter in pedestal and Pleasant Lightscapes has

begun installing lighting at Gatehouse and Waterlefe Blvd median.

Dona resigned as Landscape Committee chair but is staying on Committee. She nominated Mike as new chair. He agreed to serve as Acting Chair. Committee voted to elect Mike as chair.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.