

Landscape Committee Meeting 2/28/19

Members present- Mike, Angela, Sig, Karen, Bill Strollo CDD Liaison, Steve Dietz GM, John Z. Artistree

2:00 meeting called to order-Quorum established

Angela motioned to approve the minutes, Sig seconded, All approved.

Mike said 2 year plan well received by board. Steve did a great job with the slides. CDD board approved Phase 1, which includes Waterlefe Blvd median and a couple other secondary medians by circle and Rainbow Ct.. Upper Manatee River Road also included for visual abatement planting, north of front entrance. Also, we are to continue working on the entrance monument project. Board rejected using Crosspoint for annual plantings. They want Artistree to continue with our annual flower plantings. Mike said board would like to fast track the northside UMRR visual abatement. Also, look at the south wall by Portside at some areas that appear to be pushed up. We are also to look at the Winding Stream gate area. Jim Davis has mentioned at the CDD meeting that we need to look at the ligustrums in the island by the gate and see if removing them would help with the turn around problem when non residents get to the back gate and then have to turn around. Or we may need to reconsider the exit requirements. Bill suggests we present to the board to keep Ligustrum island and let vehicles go out there now that we have cameras. Mike mentioned that the last house by the gate gets people knocking on his door to ask him to click the gate open for them. John Z asked if he could get a pass to get in community. Bill told him to check with Jeff Dieter. We voted to change back gate exit requirements for all to exit and present to CDD board. Angela motioned, Sig seconded and all approved.

Steve update- Steve said Dona asked him what could be a plant with broad leaf, hedge type to plant as a secondary hedge? The south Upper Manatee hedge has open areas too. Mike said the board wants us to focus on north Upper Manatee hedge wall right now.

We need to make a decision today regarding annuals. John came up with suggestions for us, based on what's available and our quantity requirement. John suggests the Coleus or Angelonia. Sig agreed. He prefers all 3 colors together. Angela mentioned our residents love flowers so she agreed with the Angelonia. John said install would be mid March. We were trying to go to April, but now committee agrees it should be March. John suggested a blend of colors, random formation with the Angelonia. Motion to move forward with this suggestion by Angela, Karen seconded. All approved. Mike suggested that we, as a committee, let Steve and John make sensible changes without a big committee vote. For example, if 3 colors are not available...just use 2. John Z said soil amendment and fungicide fertilizer is included with plantings. Pine fine is an additional cost. We agreed to pay for the pine fine which will be approximately \$700. Sig suggests a 3 month time release fertilizer but he asked John if, at the end of the flower cycle, could John apply some extra fertilizer at the last part of life and John said yes.

Regarding the visual abatement, Steve reviewed original plan and the 3 gallon plants were the original approved plant size. They are small still so do we want different plants? Bigger plant? John said the oak trees need to be thinned out so sunlight will shine through. The committee is concerned with residents getting upset if we thin oaks because then you will be able to see traffic even more. Sig said we need to let the newly planted philodendrons have space to grow, so if we plant more, we just need to add another hedge. John suggested a broad leaf hedge. Karen suggested we put out an email to community as to why we are thinning the oaks.

O'Donnell Tree- 923 Maritime Ct. – Customer has concern that the oak trees on the CDD berm, next to their property are overgrown with branches too close to their house. Mike asked John to look at the trees to see if it's a hazard.

10622 Restoration Terrace- gaps looking at wall with viburnums

10912 Big Bass – Downspouts feed under berm out on Winding Street Way. Homeowner cleaned their roof and the red color went all over the sidewalk and street, through the storm drain. This is getting looked into.

Mike reminded us of Sunshine Laws. Next meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup> Motion to adjourn by Angela, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen