

4/5/19

Landscape Committee Meeting

Steve Dietz-General Manager, Bill Stollo-CDD, Mike, Angela, Karen, Dona, Nancy, Jim-Crosspoint, John Toborg-Rizzetta

2:04 Meeting called to order-Quorum present- Minutes approved

Steve update- Steve got quotes from Artistree and Crosspoint. He asked for a 2 year locked-in pricing from both companies. Both, Jim-Crosspoint and John-Artistree were invited to our meeting. Artistree did not attend. Jim-Crosspoint did provide 2 year pricing. Jim gave us a quote for Sand Crane and Waterlefe Blvd. The amount is \$4030.00 for this higher density area. Jim presented us with a quote for plants, labor and irrigation amendments. Nancy and Angela asked about plant height, density and mold resistant plants on his list. The hibiscus, in his quote, is for the smaller area next to this main focus area. Jim said he thinks that after its all said and done, the lower density area will be done too, with his current \$4030 quote. The \$600 irrigation amendment is a "not to exceed" dollar amount. Bill wanted to make sure irrigation does not spray out on to the street. Jim said the heads would face in, so no. Mike asked about, going forward, can we add or subtract plants in our future area. Jim said yes. We have 1 current bird of paradise that will need to be removed/transplanted. We discussed how expensive bird of paradise are and that we need to try to keep it in its location, if possible. Before Jim left our meeting, he gave us his input on our northside Upper Manatee River Rd visual abatement project. He recommends 57 sweet viburnum, 15 gallon size with a cost of approx.. \$4000 for plants. Labor would be challenging due to roots and old plants needing to come out. Labor would be approx.. \$1000-\$2000. He stressed the importance of getting our sprinkler system up to speed for this area. Dona asked if pitch apple would be better for density vs. sweet viburnum. Jim feels sweet viburnum would be the better choice. Jim left our meeting at 2:39. Nancy feels Jim's plant diagram is too busy. She doesn't feel silver buttonwood is a good choice or pentas. We all agreed to take away the buttonwood. Nancy wants to revisit the current bird of paradise location. The group decided to put Feijor/pineapple guave or dwarf ficus in place of buttonwood. We also want to get rid of pentas and let Crosspoint decide what to put in its place. We want something easily maintained. Also, get bigger confederate jasmines. One gallon is too small. We have to take in to account the oak tree roots. Dona mentioned the assorted hibiscus should be one color. Steve summarized that both proposals are close in price. We just need to make a decision on who to use. Steve feels Artistree does not have the time/desire to do this extra work. They did not show up at our meeting today. He feels Crosspoint would be better choice. Angela brought up the concern if it would be a conflict with Artistree if Crosspoint does the planting but Artistree has to maintain. The group talked about the fact that Artistree already takes care of all the areas we have and this would be no different. Mike asked if there was a motion to recommend either company to the CDD board. Angela motioned, Dona 2nd it and all agreed.

Steve Dietz update- Annuals all planted. We will get a credit because 2200 were planted instead of 3200. Some beds were struggling due to irrigation problem. John Z. had irrigation fixed and planted new annuals in these locations. His crew have removed more junipers. There are still a few areas they will get to. The board wants the ligustrums removed at front entry monuments but we are holding off until we have a plant plan in place.

John Toborg mentioned a tree at Discovery E inbound looks bad and he is having someone look at it.

Mike mentioned the board wants Upper Manatee River Road south wall to also have some plantings to fill in the hedge. John T. suggested to put more larger split leaf and grasses in this area. Dona spoke with her neighbors and they would like something very dense planted because you can really see the traffic behind their houses. John also suggests cocoa plum for this area. Bill suggested we get a price from Crosspoint and Artistree for the cocoa plum. Steve said he'd take Jim and John out there to look at the area and get a quote. We will decide on gallon size after they look at the area.

Winding Stream gate update-board approved to let all people to go out the gate due to issues of turn arounds. Steve is waiting on quotes to go back to a censor.

Grant update- The grant has made past first level of approval and it's moving forward at this point. It has been recommended and it goes to final review. Steve has to get quotes for an "outside" area for others to enjoy, in order to qualify. Great Job Steve!!

John Toborg update- Valetta and O'Donnell branches are their responsibility. The can cut to property line. Joshep hedge-15 gallon viburnum to fix hedge. Mowing- there was a discrepancy with mowing. As of March 1st, Artistree was to be here weekly. All red words on John's list are still red.

We made a decision to pull out 2 goldmounds in the median between Portside and SandCrane.

Dona marked the bottom of the oleanders with spray paint for the ones that Steve's crew will take out.

Also the bridal bouquets need to be trimmed as well as the arbecolas around them. These are up by circle.

The sweet potato vines, at circle, need to be trimmed as well as the bromeliads.

Karen-monument update- got a bid from 3 companies. 1st company(Arete Industries) ranged from \$17,750 to \$23,000. Second company(Cornerstone) was \$15,468.75. 3rd company(Elite Painting) only gave a price for painting and no letters/logo price. We discussed the different options and really liked the 2nd company's idea/drawing/price. Dona recommended to present to the board the 2nd company, Cornerstone, and Angela 2nd it. The committee agreed.

4:35 Meeting adjourned Dona motioned and Angela 2nd all approved