

Landscape Committee Minutes

March 11, 2014

Meeting commenced at 1:02

Present: MEMBERS: Roz Warner, Ishrut Batjer, Ron Kurtis, Phylis Balestra, Heather Galbraith, John Stevens

GUESTS: Ken Schultz, Maggie Forster, Don Forster, Richard Donoughue

Minutes of February meeting reviewed and approved.

Discussion held on tree replacement at Discovery/Waterlefe. Residents understand why no palm can be the replacement (Ganaderma) but want something other than an oak. I explained a Live Oak was different than the Laurel Oaks planted thought Waterlefe. I also explained that the CDD and WCI were different entities. Magnolia, Tababuia, and Hong Kong Orchid trees were discussed. Magnolias eliminated but a location of several Hong Kong trees on Whitfield was given so they could be seen.

Ron Kurtis, Lighting Chairman, has been reviewing potential lighting for trees on Phase 3. He has arranged for a lighting demonstration later in the week. All members were invited but reminded of the Sunshine regulations. Additional tweaking of lights along UMRR will also be reviewed.

Removal of neighborhood monuments which have fallen into disrepair was discussed. They will be removed from Whopping Crane and Misty Pond before the new flower planting. At this time we will see if existing plants can cover the monuments' previous locations.

The planting at Winding Stream has been completed and looks very nice. Additional plants are needed on the berm and will be discussed with Austin.

The Landscape Committee would like to see the golf sign at our entrance moved further north.

Review of annual flower bid by Austin of \$6693 was discussed. It was reduced to \$3542. Members of the Landscape Committee will be working with planters of 3/17 to make certain new flowers (reduced from 3075 to 1950 flowers) are planted correctly. It was further discussed that we are trying to add perennials or colorful shrub to reduce amount of flowers required. Phylis Ballestra is also check with a local prison to see their price of flowers.

Discussion on the painting of several curbs was discussed. Additional painting of some of the curbs was felt necessary.

Phase 3 has just been completed. I mentioned that we added an additional palm and plants. We have received many compliments. After final billing is received and lighting costs considered, we will start with Phase 4, but not overrunning our \$92000 budget.

Rosalyn Warner
CDD Assistant Secretary, Committee Chairman