

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 2, 2020, 2:00 p.m., Lefe Room

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:05

II. Meeting had been properly noticed

III. A quorum was established with the attendance of committee members Mike Jacobs, Dona Lasseter, Angela Potter, and Nancy Rechcigl. Also in attendance were CD Liaison, Dick Carroll; Rizzetta Field Services Manager, John Toborg; General Manager, Steve Dietz; and Mary Paige Huisman, Executive Assistant.

IV. Mike noted that the minutes from the September committee meeting were incomplete due to omission of Becky Kutska's volunteering to work on establishing a CDD Landscape Committee presence on the Waterlefe website. With that addition, the minutes were unanimously approved.

V. There were no public comments for discussion.

VI. The committee schedule for 2020-21 was presented with special note made of January and March 2020, when the meetings will fall on the second Friday of the month due to scheduling conflicts. All were urged to check our calendars to ensure we have a quorum at each meeting.

VII. John Toborg reviewed the major findings in his monthly report. He also noted that he has asked ArtisTree NOT to combine proposals (re: more than one project) so that each proposal can be addressed individually, thus simplifying identification of each project for all parties.

VIII. Eric Cerda (A.E. with ArtisTree) was not present for today's meeting. However, he did send word that the next detail pass is scheduled for approximately 10/15-19/2020. The next tree trimming will be done in November. Eric will followup with their tech manager regarding soil sampling in the median at the Winding Stream intersection at Fishhook & the roundabout. Steve will again remind Eric about replacing the misplaced crotons in the roundabout with lirioppe, as should have been done in the first place. Those crotons should be transplanted where needed in other areas of the community.

IX. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

A. Sunpatiens were selected for the March rotation of annuals with colors to be electric orange or salmon and a shade of purple.

B. Winding Stream gate lighting is done, and column refurbishment has been approved by CDD Board. The pole previously holding the card reader will need to be removed.

C. Mossy Branch gate update 1) Steve will ask Jim Potantus when the landscaping for this area will move forward. We discussed the shape of the Japanese Blueberry trees and decided on the more freeform/rounded top with bare trunk at the bottom given the variety of plants proposed for the foreground. Steve will relay this information to Jim and will also remind him that he needs to send photographs of the actual specimen proposed Japanese Blueberry trees for our approval.

2) Of the monument sketches sent to us by Cornerstone for our consideration, V3 is our choice. We think approximately 48 x 40 inches is an appropriate size and will ask that Michelle quote the project accordingly.

D. Regarding the SE corner monument, Cornerstone's latest proposal for a 144 x 72 inch monument is \$21,531.03. This is a third of the original proposal, and our findings will be sent to the CDD Board.

E. Westscapes quoted \$7300 to create a retaining wall to the street side of the of the monument on the inbound main entrance. Steve will get specifications and pictures from the vendor.

F. Replacing the former, dead palm tree at the Winding Stream median @ the roundabout is still in limbo. Steve will ask Crosspoint to issue a refund for the foxtail palm that died, and we will have ArtisTree take responsibility for testing the soil and planting a new tree when the site is determined to be suitable.

G. County grant update – Steve continues to pursue

H. The firebush shrubs in the cul-de-sacs will be kept approximately three feet in height. However, Nancy warned against pruning these shrubs monthly because doing so will prevent them from flowering. Also, compacta firefly was suggested as a replacement for the current firebush, should we decide to renovate any of the cul-de-sacs – colorful, low growing, and easy to maintain.

X. The updates from Steve Dietz are included in individual sections.

XI. CDD Liaison, Dick Carroll, opined that Jim Potantus' progress on some projects seems to have stalled out and further questioned why/how we came to work with Crosspoint in the first place. Some committee members explained the evolution of Crosspoint's relationship with Waterlefe, including the facts that ArtisTree did not want to be involved in renovating the WLB median and the CDD Board weighed in heavily in favor of working with Jim/Crosspoint.

XII. Other business/committee discussion:

- Dona commented that the area around the Mossy Branch entrance is rife with mosquitos, and it was noted that the Manatee County is responsible for that area. As county citizens, we were encouraged to report this issue to the county government. Who is doing said reporting?
- Committee membership was discussed as a couple of people have expressed interest in joining. We will revisit later.

XIII. Members were reminded to check CDD email regularly.

XIV. Sunshine Law reiterated

XV. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6, 2020.

XVI. A motion to adjourn was made by Dona and seconded by Nancy with unanimous approval. Meeting was adjourned at 4:07.