

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday Dec 4th, 2020, 2pm

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Lefe Room
- II. It was confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.
- III. A quorum was established with the attendance of committee members Mike Jacobs, Dona Lasseter, Angela Potter, Nancy Rechcigl and Becky Kutska. Also in attendance were CDD Liaison, Dick Carroll; Rizzetta Field Services Manager, John Toborg; ArtisTree A/E, Eric Cerda; General Manager, Steve Dietz; and Executive Assistant, Mary Paige Huisman.
- IV. Mike noted the minutes from the November committee meeting were incomplete due to the omission of Nancy Rechcigl as an attendee. With that adjustment, the minutes from the November 6, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved.
- V. An undisclosed resident e-mailed Steve regarding a hazard created by someone parking on the right side of the inbound lane of WLB and suggested NO PARKING signs in this area. While this is not within the scope of our responsibility, we are concerned with the aesthetics of the community, and the consensus of the committee was that no additional No Parking signage is desirable at this time. Said conclusion was made since there have been no accidents and no other complaints. There were no further public comments for discussion.
- VI. Please see John Toborg's monthly field inspection report. Specifically discussed at this meeting were:
 - A. Given the time of year, it was agreed that we should wait until very early spring to cut back the fire bush plants in some cul-de-sacs to 36". Waiting till spring will help avoid freeze damage to tender new growth.
 - B. The Crinum Lilies in the WLB median cart path between holes 3 and 4 cannot be pruned to remove visual impediment to oncoming outbound traffic. A mirror to help golf cart drivers see oncoming traffic was offered for consideration. One crinum lily can be relocated to improve visibility but the others need to stay as is. Our committee was not given the opportunity to review Crosspoint's intended plants before the Board approved said plans, so height of plants as they relate to traffic flow had not been discussed.
 - C. Confederate jasmine is climbing adjacent structures in some areas. Eric made note to see that this is addressed at their next detail pass.
 - D. ArtisTree was asked to keep the new beds outside the Mossy Branch gate area, free of unsightly weeds that are also visible to nearby residents. However, all viburnum in the areas should be managed so they can all reach a consistent height.
- VII. ArtisTree's next detail pass is scheduled for 12/14/16. The hedge along the south wall is being trimmed in stages to keep at the height of the wall with minimal trimming of the sides. Now that the poinsettia annuals have established, the watering schedule will be cut back. The soil analysis of the median at the Winding Stream intersection with the roundabout has been completed by ArtisTree. Nancy will research the high calcium level to ensure the planned foxtail palm's survival, and Eric will resend pictures of the available specimen. The CDD Board will be informed of this progress and plans to install the foxtail the week after the next CDD Board meeting. Later in this meeting, Nancy expressed concern that another foxtail palm has

lower survival chance than other palms. Nancy will make her final recommendation re: best type to plant in January's meeting.

VIII. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

- A. Winding Stream's back gate updating is nearing completion.
- B. The Mossy Branch gate monument is awaiting approval of permits, which have been submitted. Assuming the conduit is sufficient for new lighting requirements, Pleasant Lightscapes proposed \$965.00 to light the monument. The conduit will be inspected before the proposal is presented at the next CDD Board meeting. The need for landscaping in this area will be revisited after the monument and lighting are installed. Of note, there is no direct irrigation in this area, only water may overflow surrounding areas.
- C. Regarding the SE corner monument:
 - 1) Cornerstone submitted artwork and a proposal of \$21,531.03 – not to include demolition of the existing balustrade, which will cost an additional \$1500.00 provided that Cornerstone does it at the same time as building the monument. Note: The balustrades and the wording "A Golf & Boating Community" in the artwork will not be a part of the end result, and the lettering will be oriented lower than that shown for optimum visibility.
 - 2) Pleasant Lightscapes' proposal for lighting this area is \$345.00.
 - 3) Steve, Dona, and Dick will meet at the SE corner to place stakes indicating the position of the monument, and a complete packet will be submitted at the next CDD Board meeting for their consideration.
- D. The proposed retaining wall has been evaluated by our engineer Rick Schappacher. While it appears this area is within Waterlefe's purview, we are awaiting word from Manatee County. A site visit to the north monument will be included during our January meeting to aid visualization and discussion.
- E. Proposed improvements to the Winding Stream berm at Maritime Court were approved by the CDD Board and will come out of the Landscape Committee budget.
- F. Regarding the Winding Stream and Maritime berm, Eric has been asked to submit a new proposal, eliminating the sago palms from the current proposal.
- G. Given the increasingly unsightly appearance of the area in front of the guardhouse, it was the unanimous opinion of the committee members to fast track this project. Nancy Rechcigl volunteered to make her recommendations in the next committee meeting re: replanting part or all of said area. Then a proposal from ArtisTree will be requested. In the meantime, Eric has been asked to remove the dead Gold Mound.

IX. In addition to comments throughout the meeting, Steve informed us that the pressure washing along Waterlefe Boulevard is scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

X. In addition to his helpful insight during all of our discussions, Dick Carroll was very complimentary of this meeting's structure. Thanks to Mary Paige's organized packets of information, we were able to make meaningful progress in a timely manner. It was noted that

much of the discussion between John Toborg and Eric Cerda could/should be done outside the committee meeting.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/ COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- A. Becky has discussed with Ruth Harenchar adding a Landscape Committee presence to the Waterlefe website. Ruth represents that there is ample capacity on the site, and Becky was told to submit what we want to be included. Mike also suggested adding an overview statement outlining our scope of responsibility and notable past achievements.
- B. The results of the two-year plan workshop and prioritizing survey are that the retaining wall, the landscaping in front of the guardhouse, and the slight modification of some landscaping along UMRR are of immediate concern.
- C. Our committee proposed rope lighting at the bottom of bridge between holes 3 and 4 but Pleasant Lightscapes suggested lighting **under the bridge to reflect onto the** water which is more costly than anticipated and will be discussed further after Pleasant Lightscapes has placed a demo version for our consideration. Steve Dietz says that he will also get an opinion and quote from another lighting company.
- D. Dona volunteered to be the head up future recommendations on what annuals to plant and when, based on her records of past annuals' performance and additional research. She will make a presentation for next year's annual rotations for committee discussion and vote.
- E. We are still waiting on the replacement liriopie in the roundabout by ArtisTree.

XII. Members were reminded to check CDD e-mail regularly.

XIII. Sunshine Law reiterated

XIV. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday January 8, 2021

XV. A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Jacobs and seconded by Dona Lasseter with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.