

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday January 8, 2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.
- II. It was confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.
- III. A quorum was established with the attendance of committee members Mike Jacobs, Beck Kutska, and Nancy Rechcigl. Dona Lasseter and Angela Potter attended virtually. Also in attendance were: ArtisTree A/E, Eric Cerda; General Manager, Steve Dietz; and Executive Assistant, Mary Paige Huisman. Rizzetta Field Services Manager, John Toborg, attended virtually.
- IV. Item VIII E in last month's minutes should have read "Winding Stream berm" instead of "Winding Stream median." Mary Paige will make the correction. With that correction, the December 4, 2020, minutes were unanimously approved.
- V. There were no public comments for discussion.
- VI. See John Toborg's monthly field inspection report. Items in said report that were specifically discussed at this meeting were:
 - A. The leaning palm noted in item #7 is struggling. The committee voted to request a proposal from ArtisTree for removal and replacement.
 - B. The potato vine noted in item #22 continues to grow outside its intended area. The plants are striking and thriving, however the overgrowth is felt to be deficiency in routine maintenance. Rather than replace the healthy potato vine at this time, the committee voted to observe this area for the next couple of months to make sure it is being properly maintained.
- VII. ArtisTree's next detail pass is scheduled for 1/25. Irrigation has been cut back on Waterlefe Boulevard. The continually wet area on Discovery at Waterlefe Boulevard was evaluated. A broken pipe was found and repaired. AT will continue to keep an eye on this area. Our next rotation of annuals from American Farms is on track to be delivered on 2/28/2021. A request was made for ArtisTree to add 14-16 Nora Grant ixora to replace old plants at roundabout. A question was raised regarding the struggling elephant ears in the Waterlefe Boulevard median. John feels their condition is temperature related. Nancy noted that the crotons are not doing well either, suggesting there may be something else contributing, perhaps water.
- VIII. CHAIRMAN UPDATE
 - A. Winding Stream columns are complete and look good.
 - B. Mossy Branch Gate Update -- Board approved lighting at last meeting. Waiting for monument installation once check has been received by vendor.
 - C. The CDD Board tabled the SE Corner monument project at this time due to budgetary concerns. Our committee will revisit improving the landscaping in this area, perhaps as part of our two year plan, in conjunction with replacing old Flax Lily plants along Upper Manatee River Road.
 - D. Our proposed retaining wall, adjacent to the north monument at the main entrance, awaits pending county approval/right of way use permit.

- E. Winding Stream median island update -- Per Nancy, to ensure the success of foxtail palms in this area, a soil exchange should be considered. Alternatively, she suggested a number of other palms that should tolerate the current soil composition. After review, the committee has settled on use a Ribbon Palm or a triple pigmy date Palm
- F. for this area. Steve will ask Eric for quotes and pictures of the exact specimens for our vote in time for a March planting.
- G. Gatehouse Zone Renovation
 - a. Only one section of Gold Mound remains but will be removed as part of our refurbishment plan.
 - b. Nancy's drawing of the proposed refurbishment plan was reviewed and approved with the choices of dwarf variegated Arbutus, grafted Gardenia, Bird of Paradise in addition to the existing Carissa. Also, to keep the area neat and mulch from washing onto curbs and roadway, we recommend that an attractive edging be included in quote.
- H. Annuals Update:
 - a. Dona will propose a plan/suggestions for the remainder of 2021 at the February meeting. As an aside, The Shores will use the same annual varieties at their entry to have continuity throughout Waterlefe.
- I. Bridge lighting (between # 3 green and #4 golf tee boxes) was approved by the CDD Board with a cost not to exceed \$3500. Steve will be obtaining quotes from two vendors for rope lighting to be installed on UMRR side only at bottom edge of bridge.
- J. Sig Feile retired from the Landscape Committee due to his inability to consistently attend meetings, though he will be available to offer his advice in future, if requested by our committee. The committee voted unanimously to accept his retirement with gratitude. The committee members were asked to seek out interested parties and invite them to our next meeting for consideration.

IX. GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE -- Steve's comments are noted throughout minutes.

X. Though Dick Carroll did not attend, he sent word via Steve that the CDD Board still prefers three rotations of annuals versus four. Also, Dick is in favor of adding philodendrons, etc., to enhance the SE corner of UMRR since the renovation project was tabled by the CDD.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. The CDD Board has embraced the idea of our committee's website presence. The committee approved Steve's proposed introduction. The meeting schedule is already online. Mary Paige will forward to Ruth Harenchar the proposed agenda one week before the next upcoming meeting and the minutes of the last prior meeting following approval.

B. Discussion of the two-year plan was postponed due to time constraints.

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

XIII. Sunshine Law reiterated

XIV. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2021.

XV. Meeting was moved to the north monument at main entrance at 4:23 p.m. after which meeting was adjourned.