

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 5, 2016 LARC MEETING

IBIS CLUBHOUSE

IN ATTENDANCE: Julie Desiderio, Linda Kerr, Steve Bernstein, Beth Bryan, Mary Eastwood

MINUTES: The Meeting was called to order at 3:58 pm by Chairperson Desiderio.

Proof of Notice of Meeting was posted on Saturday, January 2, 2016.

Certification of a Quorum was deemed.

Approval of December 1 & December 14, 2015 Minutes~ both approved by Linda Kerr and seconded by Steve Bernstein.

Old Business ~ Normal Landscape:

i. **Oak Trim Bid Update:** Bid of \$3,250, approved by Master Board, trimming will take place in January.

ii. **Palm Removal Bid:** The palm to be removed is located behind Dan and Agnieszka DeLong's villa. Artistree had two (2) options for removal. Option 1 called for a clear cut at the base at a cost of \$100; Option 2 called for the complete removal of the palm including the root base at a cost of \$400; Mary Eastwood commented that she had gotten a second opinion from Alex the landscaper from Palm Island who indicated that after seeing the palm stated that the spores should be cut off and put in a plastic bag and that it was sufficient to clear cut the palm at the base,..root removal was not necessary. In light of the second opinion, the motion to have Artistree cut the palm at the base at a cost of \$100 was voted on and approved; Steve Bernstein approving; Beth Bryan seconded. This cost would come out of the 2016 budget.

iii. **Fertilization of Shrubbery:** Per Linda Kerr, was done before Christmas.

iv. **Area in front of the Clubhouse bid:** \$1,637 from Artistree. Due to the fact that grass that was continually planted has failed, it was decided that perhaps it would be prudent to take a soil sample to test BEFORE we plant anything else.

Artistree's bid included two suggested plants. The committee will check these out. The bid is still under consideration.

v. **Mulch:** Since the last meeting, Mary Eastwood has done some research in order to compare to Artistree's bid(s). Artistree's first bid in December was around \$24,000; a second bid with less coverage was presented at a cost of \$8,910, which would be less than an inch coverage. Mary met with Alex from Palm Island to discuss mulch. Alex made a definitive statement that highly visible areas should receive 3" of mulch to do it correctly. He submitted a bid of \$8,990 (basically the same amount as Artistree's but with significantly thicker coverage.) The LARC committee agreed to move forward with Alex's bid. Mary will request a formal bid from Alex. When that is received, it will be passed on to Julie who will forward it to Hilary and to Elisa (Argus) for approval.

vi. **Other:** As noted, Mary met with Alex on Monday to discuss primarily mulch but Alex provided many ideas regarding Parcels 1, 2 & 3 as well as overall insight into other ideas. Over 3 hours was spent at both The Hammocks and over at Palm Island to point out possibilities. Alex was willing to bid out the irrigation for the 3 parcels as well as bidding out the proposed trees for those respective parcels. Alex had offered to meet with the LARC committee. It was agreed that if Alex would be available on Thursday, January 7, that the committee could meet with him and he could share his bids and ideas. Mary would contact him regarding this.

Steve inquired as to when the small bushes and palms will be trimmed. We have been informed that this will be done in January. Additionally, the question of how often should they be doing this, per their contract, and it is monthly, or as necessary.

Architectural Review Subcommittee : The Master Board has made a decision to separate the current LARC committee into two separate committees: 1 for landscape issues, 1 for architectural issues. The Landscape committee will be comprised of 5 members (no alternates) and the Architectural Review committee will be comprised of 3 members (also no alternates). An email was sent out to homeowners asking those who were interested in serving on either of these committees to make their submissions. The Master Board will make the final decision and appointment.

New Land Plan: As stated above, Mary Eastwood will be receiving another bid for the irrigation and proposed trees from Alex which will be shared with LARC members upon receipt, The issue of all the weeds on Parcel 1 was brought up. Alex made the assessment after seeing Parcel 1 that Scott's Weed & Feed should be aggressively used to irradiate the weeds which, after they are under control, grass should start to fill in. Julie noted that Sam Desiderio was currently speaking with Kevin Kelley regarding this.

The new land plans of the parcels will be displayed on easels for the homeowners to see at the upcoming annual homeowners' meeting on January 22nd. We currently have one easel; Beth was going to check into getting additional easels from her art group.

Date for Next Meeting: No date officially set,...IF Alex from Palm Island is available on Thursday, January 7th, that will be the next meeting.

Adjournment: 5:29 pm ~ Linda Kerr/Steve Bernstein approved the adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Eastwood

