



MINUTES FROM LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Merry Shaurette, Steve Bernstein, Linda Kerr, Marty Atkins, Mary Eastwood

GUEST ATTENDEES: Betty Wright, Bob Wright, Joe Kuryan, Louise Kuryan, Jerrie Walesh, Claire Gauthier, Sam Desiderio

I. CALL TO ORDER~ 4 PM

II. PROOF OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING

III. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

IV. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2016 MINUTES

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Jeff Tamayo from Artistree will be back March 8th

b. Betty Wright had a concern about the old construction entrance and hopefully beautifying that area. At the present time, we don't have the funds to do so. Marty Atkins has mentioned it twice to the Master Board and has gotten quotes himself and was also told that no funds are currently available.

c. Geri Steele, homeowner at the villas, has an overgrown bird of paradise plant by her front door. Merry has been in contact with Jeff at Artistree and this will be cut back.

d. Howard Schelde, a renter at the villas,..homeowner is his son-in-law, Norm Lee, had put in a work request to the office almost 3 weeks earlier (2/4/16) for an area around his lanai. This bed has irrigation but all plantings are dead. Merry took pictures of the area and will speak to Jeff about this as well as getting back to the homeowner on the status. There is also an area around his a/c unit that is grossly overgrown and needs to be cut back as well.

d. Linda Kerr requested that shrubs at the villas be trimmed 3-4 times annually.

e. Going forward, any landscape work orders submitted to Cristina should be turned over to Merry.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

General Landscaping:

- a. Seagrapes by the cul-de-sac, 10550, need to be trimmed yet. Artistree has not been paid yet for the fence trimming.
- b. Per Jeff (Artistree), replacement plants will be planted March 8. Some of the plants have already been removed.
- c. Dead palm behind Dan & Agnieszka DeLong's villa is to be removed February 25 at a cost of \$100, clean cut.
- d. Magnesium has been applied to the palm trees in hopes that it will counter the yellowing that the palms have taken on.
- e. Mulch ~ As of Feb 17th, the last of the mulch was delivered from Alex. At that point, approximately 1/3 of The Hammocks had been mulched at a level of 3". Alex sent an email stating that to complete the remainder of The Hammocks 2,340 more bags of mulch were needed. His original bid was at \$6/bag. He proposed that he would finish the job and reduce the cost to \$3/bag, which included labor, this was essentially his cost. This would be \$7,020. An "emergency meeting" was held the next day, February 18, 2016, with Alex to assess the situation. Sam Desiderio presided over the meeting, as President of the Master Association. Also in attendance was Julie Desiderio, who at the time of the mulch contract was President of LARC, Steve Bernstein, Linda Kerr, Merry Shaurette, Mary Eastwood, Hilary Gray. After Alex left, a decision was made to go forward with Alex's proposal to finish the mulching. Sam would be in contact with him to finalize the details. Merry read an email that Sam received confirming his bid to complete the mulch for 2,340 bags @ \$3/bag (including labor). Alex also indicated that this amount of mulch would require 2 deliveries. Therefore, we would have 2 contracts with him; both for 1,350 bags of mulch and a downpayment of half the amount would be required at the time of delivery. We instructed Merry to relay to Sam that that was our desire but to be clear that that is the firm amount that we are to pay,..no more bags than that,..no more money than that and he needs to ensure that ALL currently mulched areas will be mulched upon completion. The committee asked that Merry continue to update the committee members on this project.

NEW LAND PLAN ~ There will be a meeting in March with Jeff from Artistree to discuss current irrigation issues that we are experiencing with parcel 1. Only irrigating parcels 2, 3 & 4 is currently in the landscape budget for 2016.

VII. COMMENTS ~ Louise Kuryan asked why we had not had mulch brought in by the truckload, rather than bags, feeling it would be more cost effective. This was discussed and feedback from other communities (from Marty) that have done this, it has not proven to be that much more cost effective and was a bit more labor intense and "messier". Louise also asked if we are contractually obligated to Artistree for the future plantings on parcels 2, 3 & 4. We told her

we were not. In that same vein, Claire Gauthier expressed her desire to see more **COLOR** in the future plantings and that why could we not have any color on parcel 1 now as there are sun-loving plants that do not need a canopy.

Betty Wright brought her concern as to who is "babysitting" the new trees planted on parcel 1. She noted that one of the trees when it was first planted already had a "gouge" in it and you could see through the branch(es). She indicated that her husband, Bob, took pictures of the trees that were of a concern and sent them to both Hilary and Julie. Also, of concern, was the fact that stakes (bamboo?) are still remaining in the trees. She indicated that they should never have been left there after perhaps a month or so after planting. They are currently forcing the trees to grow crooked and branches are growing into them and the ties.

Sam Desiderio commented that an upcoming letter would be sent to homeowners shortly soliciting donations for plantings. He would like to encourage donors by saying ____ number of homeowners have currently donated to the cause and was hoping more would come forward before he sends the letter out. Currently 2 homeowners have contributed for a total of \$2,000.

VIII. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING ~ Thursday, **March 17, 2016 @ 4 pm.**

IX. ADJOURNMENT ~ 4:03 pm; Marty Atkins motioned; Linda Kerr seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Eastwood