

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2022

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. It was confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed. Attendees were asked to silence their phones.

III. A quorum was established with the attendance of committee members Mike Jacobs, Becky Kutska, Dona Lasseter, and Angela Potter. Nancy Rechcigl joined the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Also, in attendance were ArtisTree Account Executive, Tim Drumgool; General Manager, Steve Dietz; and Executive Assistant, Mary Paige Huisman.

IV. The members reviewed the draft of the minutes from the 11/4/2022 meeting. Dona moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Angela, and unanimously approved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Some residents have commented on the ugly appearance of some Tree Ligustrum that remain in the Waterlefe Boulevard median. See VI.A.
- B. The residents in the first house on the right on Portside Terrace asked about filling in the gaps on the common grounds between their house and WLB. We will investigate this.

VI. STORM UPDATE

- A. All Tree Ligustrum John Toborg marked for removal last month have been removed. The stumps remaining from the first round of Ligustrum removal have been ground. Three or four stumps remain from the more recently removed trees, but since there are a few more Ligustrum that may need removal, we asked Tim to wait to call the subcontractor until all stumps can be ground at the same time. This will not require a proposal. Dona volunteered to do a walkthrough with John Toborg to look at the Tree Ligustrums in question.
- B. Members voted to fill areas with sod, only where the bases of removed Ligustrums are visible. Tim will evaluate these areas to get accurate measurements of sod and soil that will be required and will submit a proposal.
- C. Hong Kong Orchid cleanup scheduled for the week of December 5.
- D. Update on Ribbon Palm and Bougainvillea in roundabout: All trees are now upright. The Ribbon Palm canopy has not been trimmed because Tim thought it best to give the trees some time to recover from the trauma rather than adding insult to injury at this time. Duckbill anchors have been installed on the two heaviest Bougainvillea. If we have good results, Duckbill anchors will be installed on the others, providing they all survive. (Dona noted many exposed roots, but Tim shared that established Bougainvillea are very hardy and he's seen others survive worse damage.) There is also evidence of damage to some of the gold mound and liriopie in the roundabout, and this will be addressed.

VII. JOHN TOBORG REPORT: John was unable to attend today's meeting nor was he able to perform his inspection prior to this meeting.

VIII. ARTISTREE REPORT

- A. Some palm trimming done (Big Bass). Some were missed (Rainbow CT). The crowns have been trimmed, but the undergrowth still needs to be addressed on the Paurotis Palms. Tim was asked to look at all cul-de-sacs. Note: Cul-de-sac renovation is part of the two-year plan and will address the shrubs around the center specimens. See IX.B.

- B. Annuals look very good. The bed at Portside Terrace's cap is rebounding where it appeared rabbits were eating the Petunias. More Command soil was added to the beds at the time of planting, and the flowers are thriving. We also feel having Dona outline the intended planting beds was a success as the beds are more well-defined and balanced.
- C. There is still what appears to be storm debris that needs to be removed, both on the ground and in shrubs.
- D. The easement between the first house on Sand Crane and WLB is very overgrown and will be included in the Ligustrum walkthrough.

IX. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

- A. Rainbow Court median island project is complete. This included replacing the Gardenia with Pringles Podocarpus and adding Gold Dust Croton, Mammy Croton, and Blue Daze. The soil was amended prior to planting, and the irrigation was adjusted to ensure coverage.
- B. The CDD Board accepted the proposed cuts to our list of two-year projects, and we need to start scheduling projects. Following discussion, we agreed the cul-de-sacs should be addressed first. Tim was asked to submit a proposal outlining the cost for removal of the Philodendron, purchase and installation of Cocoplum, and repair/replacement of adjacent sod. (It was noted that the attempt at repairing instead of replacing all sod at the Sand Crane north cul-de-sac were suboptimal.) We plan to start with River Basin and Rainbow Court.
- C. Nancy will bring her drawing of the span between Rainbow Court and the Winding Stream gate to the January meeting so we can advance this project.
- D. We agreed the tree trimming aspect of our two-year plan should include the high-profile intersection of WLB and Discovery west, the common area on Big Bass, and the golf course parking lot. Mary Paige will request proposals from Ameri-Tree.
- E. A buffet luncheon of BBQ has been scheduled for 12/21 to express our appreciation to the ArtisTree crew members. Committee members still in town also plan to attend.
- F. The holiday lights are looking great. We thanked Dona for meeting with the vendor's owner to select the decorations. We would also like to consider adding the Winding Stream and Mossy Branch entrances next year.

X. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE: Steve's comments are noted throughout.

XI. LIASON COMMENTS: Tom Tosi was not in attendance.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- A. The Shores landscape lighting is out. Nancy was aware.
- B. Some Hibiscus shrubs in the WLB median damaged by Hurricane Ian are still leaning considerably. The plan is to prune these and allow the shrubs' natural phototropism to improve the appearance. We further agreed this should be postponed until spring after the possibility of frost to avoid damage to new growth.
- C. Steve contacted Bloom Masters and learned they will contract directly with the golf course but only for planting on our golf course, not in common areas (where we must go through a landscape company). Dona moved that ArtisTree order the next annuals (a spring mix) from Bloom Masters. Angela seconded with unanimous approval. We will not know what flowers will be in the spring mix until closer to installation. Tim will check on this.
- D. Replacement of the two Crape Myrtles incorrectly pruned earlier this year was discussed. The trees have survived, but during winter months when flora is gone, the tops will still look

improper. This will be revisited at our next meeting. ArtisTree has previously agreed to replace both trees at their expense due to improper pruning.

E. The potato vine in the roundabout has again become very overgrown and will be cut back.

XIII. Committee members were reminded to check CDD e-mail on a regular basis.

XIV. Sunshine Law was reiterated to committee members.

XV. The next Landscape Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 6, 2023.

XVI. Angela moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Becky, and unanimously approved at 3:43 p.m.