

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2022

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. It was confirmed that the meeting had been properly noticed.

III. A quorum was established with the attendance of committee members Mike Jacobs, Dona Lasseter, Angela Potter, and Nancy Rechcigl. Also, in attendance were also CDD Liaison, Tom Tosi; ArtisTree (hereinafter AT) Account Executive, Tim Drumgoole; and General Manager, Steve Dietz.

IV. The draft of the minutes from the 4/1/2022 meeting was reviewed. With the changes unanimously approved, Mike moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Angela, and unanimously approved.

V. There were no public comments for discussion.

VI. JOHN TOBORG REPORT: Please see John Toborg's Field Inspection Report from 4/29/2022.

VII. ARTISTREE REPORT

- A. Planting of foxtail palms, cocoplum, and sod in the Sand Crane and Turning Leaf cul-de-sacs will commence 5/11/2022.
- B. Turf was inspected and many issues were treated. Tim will monitor progress.
- C. The wet spots at the main entrance and along Waterlefe Boulevard were inspected and appear to be due to the increased watering schedule necessitated by the annuals in these areas.
- D. The failing annuals at the 9-10 cart crossing will be replaced. If Sunpatiens cannot be located immediately, Tim was directed to use another plant variety in colors similar to the Sunpatiens planted elsewhere in the community.
- E. The wilt condition of some annual beds is felt to be due to irrigation issues. Some irrigation heads were obstructed by adjacent vegetation, which was pruned. Heads in another area were switched to another type that should create a more focused pattern.
- F. Dead/dying Simpson Stoppers along Upper Manatee River Road south of the entrance were found to be caused by a nonfunctioning irrigation line, which has been repaired. These plants are still under warranty and will be replaced.
- G. Irrigation issues continue to be thematic to many problems in Waterlefe. Tim inspected many areas with ArtisTree's irrigation team and pointed out problems that were apparently previously overlooked (e.g., the nonfunctioning line that should have been watering the new Simpson Stopper at UMRR). We hope that Tim's personal attention will resolve some of these recurring issues that have frustrated our efforts. In addition, he will investigate options for putting annual flower beds and turf on separate systems.
- H. The spans of dead Asiatic Jasmine along UMRR were caused by herbicidal overspray. Tim counted 122 plants. If we decide to go in a more colorful direction, Tim will credit us the cost of 122 Asiatic Jasmine against the cost of what we choose as its replacement, should the replacement plants cost more than the Asiatic Jasmine.
- I. Replacements (lavender) for the two incorrectly pruned Crape Myrtle trees near the roundabout have been located. We reminded Tim that these need to be approved prior to installation, and he will send pictures to Steve next week for Nancy's approval.

VIII. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

- A. Options for "Bird Island" were discussed, and while it would be nice to eventually beautify this area adjacent to both residents and the golf course, we agreed that this year's budget will accommodate only the first step of cutting down the "stick tree" and removing most of the

Spanish moss from the Live Oak. After review of the proposals from AmeriTree and Terry's Tree Service, Mike moved that we accept AmeriTree's proposal totaling \$1625. The motion was seconded by Dona and unanimously approved. We may revisit beautifying this area with the addition of something like a Banyan Tree or Poinciana Tree as part of the two-year plan.

- B. We are excited to welcome Tom Tosi as our new CDD Liaison. His background as a civil engineer, work with the Disney empire, and experience in community development elsewhere in Florida give him a valuable perspective, and his focused attention and insight have already proven him to be a tremendous asset to our team and the Waterlefe community.
- C. The committee members were asked to come to June's meeting with ideas for our next two-year plan. Given the time of year, Steve emphasized the need to make these decisions at our next meeting. In the meantime, Tom will investigate the plans for the Watercolor Place property adjacent to the SE corner of Waterlefe.
- D. The look of the southeast corner on UMRR is not up to the Waterlefe community's standards. Tom knows the CDD tabled discussion of a monument in this location but agreed to minor plant modification in an attempt to improve the appearance. However, the origin of the current design is a mystery. At one point, Nancy did discuss possible plant selections with Dem and the committee, but Dem was never given specific instructions. We agree this is another example of inadequate communication. No blame was assigned, but we agree improved communication is needed to ensure optimal outcomes. In most cases, a simple sketch may suffice and perhaps should be made a part of standard procedure.
- E. Winding Stream berm update: After another site visit, it was determined that 25-30 Arbutus will fill the area behind the second house on the right on Big Bass that needs visual abatement from Winding Stream Boulevard. Steve will manage the resident's expectations by explaining that the process will entail removal of some plant material before planting the Arbutus and that it will take some time before the area fills and provides the level of privacy desired.
- F. Mike will not be available in person for the June, July, & August meetings but will try to phone in, depending on connectivity. In Mike's physical absence, Steve and Mary Paige will assume responsibility for creating the agendas and presiding over the meetings, and Dona will represent the Landscape Committee at the CDD meetings.
- G. Other: In preparation for creating a landscape manual, Mike suggested that we send our ideas, etc., to Becky.

IX. NEXT ANNUAL ROTATION (Dona): After review of pictures and discussion of options, Dona moved that we approve 5.5-inch Heartbreaker Coleus for our next rotation (very early July) and a mix of red and white Petunias with a few Dusty Miller for contrast at the bed edges for the winter/holiday rotation in November. Nancy seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Dona asked that Tim order the Coleus as soon as possible as American Farms' supply is limited.

X. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE: In addition to comments elsewhere, Steve brought to Tim's attention tire ruts in turf on Whooping Crane and asked that they be repaired. Tim said it would only take a few squares and would be done as soon as possible.

XI. LIASON COMMENTS: In addition to comments noted elsewhere, Tom requested a copy of the last two-year plan and inquired as to the availability of a committee budget. These were briefly discussed, including visual aids, and Steve will follow up.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- A. We briefly reviewed holiday decorations for 2022.

- B. Nancy will be unable to attend the August and September committee meetings. With Mike also being absent in August, having a quorum may be at risk.

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

XIV. The Sunshine Law was reiterated to committee members.

XV. The next Landscape Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 2022.

XVI. Angela moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dona, and unanimously approved at 4:48 p.m.