

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. in the Lefe Room.
- II. It was confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.
- III. A quorum was established with the attendance of committee members Mike Jacobs, Becky Kutska, Dona Lasseter, Angela Potter, and Nancy Rechcigl. Also in attendance were CDD Liaison, Dick Carroll; Rizzetta Field Services Manager, John Toborg; ArtisTree A/E, Eric Cerda; General Manager, Steve Dietz; and Executive Assistant, Mary Paige Huisman.
- IV. Minutes from the April 2021 committee meeting were unanimously approved with no changes.
- V. There were no public comments for discussion.
- VI. Please see John Toborg's Field Inspection Report dated April 22, 2021. Specifically discussed at this meeting were:
 - A. #1 and #2 - Fertilization schedule reviewed and ArtisTree reminded to call in advance and check in at clubhouse on day of application to confirm quantities and type of fertilizer being applied.
 - B. #3 – The patches of “Johnson Grass-like” weeds have returned and may require treatment with a nonselective herbicide.
 - C. #8 – In areas where Bermuda grass is invading the St. Augustine, the turf should be mowed at the highest recommended level and fertilized and watered well to strengthen the St. Augustine and hopefully choke out the Bermuda grass.
 - D. #7 – Mossy Branch beds outside gate are now being appropriately maintained.
 - E. #19+ - Dwarf firebush are mentioned several times in report. There was a question as to whether all the cul-de-sacs are supposed to be cut to a height not to exceed 30” and then allowed to grow no higher than 36” or just the ones that have posed a line-of-sight problem for adjacent residents? Chairman Mike Jacobs did voice concerns and disagreed with the choice to trim all fire bush in the community. It was agreed, by vote with Mike Jacobs voting no and all other members voting yes, that all should be uniform and residents adjacent to these areas should be notified before the work is done to minimize complaints. It was emphasized that the firebush close to maintenance shed is NOT to be pruned in this way as its purpose is to be a visual barrier.
 - F. #26 – Regarding the detailing of the entrance to the lift station, please keep in mind the plan is to widen the driveway. Also, the Gold Mound is not thriving and should be removed.
 - G. #27 – Please see that the crews return surrounding areas back to original condition after irrigation repairs are complete.
 - H. #30 – Runoff continues to be a problem in median close to Field Brook. Please address this ASAP.
 - I. #33 – The roundabout landscaping is thriving, but the Gold Mound needs to be lowered so this area has a terraced appearance. The committee members also agreed that the Bougainvillea in the roundabout should be clear-trunk pruned for more visual interest.
 - J. #35 – The irrigation heads at the roundabout are not popping up as they should be for optimal coverage. Water pressure also seems to be an issue since the Fish Hook median was running at the same time and had plenty of pressure.
 - K. #37 – Clumpy weeds at retaining wall on Whooping Crane side need to be eradicated.
- VII. ArtisTree/Eric update: Next detail pass is scheduled for 5/24, and irrigation check is scheduled for 5/17. The next rotation of annuals, Lipstick Penta, will be ready on 6/15. As Eric is scheduled to be off

for two weeks the end of June and we much prefer his excellent oversight of installation, he will see if he can pick up the plants and have them installed before his departure on 6/16. Discussion regarding the quotes for Sylvester palm and edging is elsewhere in the minutes.

VIII. CHAIRMAN UPDATE

A. The Notice of Commencement regarding the monument at the Mossy Branch gate has been signed. When Michelle receives it, installation will begin. Pleasant LightScapes has been notified.

B. Nancy's excellent presentation of the recommended options allowed us to efficiently choose a single Foxtail Palm with a clear trunk measurement of 8-10 feet for each area in front of the balustrades where Ligustrum were previously planted. ArtisTree and Crosspoint will be asked for a quote and photos of selected specimens.

C. The elevated beds in front of the main monuments have been planted with liriopse. Dona noted that the plants obscure the current lighting, and we will look into raising the lights. Nancy also observed that three rows were planted when we had decided on only one. If the volume of vegetation is part of the lighting problem, we may choose to move some of the liriopse to where it is needed elsewhere in other landscaped areas.

D. Regarding landscape renovation along UMMR north and south of the main entrance, it was agreed that the remaining flax lilies and junipers should be removed. Sparse areas between the community and the roadway should be supplemented with additional vegetation. Philodendron would be a good choice for these sparse areas as they already exist and have flourished elsewhere in those areas, are very tropical, and make a big impact for a modest cost. We also discussed filling those expanses with colorful shrubs and/or perennials to create a plush, balanced appearance and minimize or eliminate the recurring expense of annuals. Options will be presented at next month's meeting for further discussion. Becky suggested drawings may be helpful in communicating the plan to the CDD Board. It was agreed that we should continue annual rotations at the monuments and at the SE corner of the property, though we will continue to try to move from four rotations per year to three. (Steve did remind us that we will again be eligible for the county's grant in October 2021.)

E. Due to time constraints, the Winding Stream Berm update was not discussed. The issue will be revisited at the June 4, 2021, committee meeting.

F. The CDD board feels the rope lighting on the cart path bridge at the third green is too bright. The lights have been moved from the front edge to the underside of bridge to see if this achieves the desired effect. If not, an exterior light dimmer will be tested.

G. The dead and/or failing vegetation in the various beds throughout the community will be replaced/refreshed the week of May 13.

H. The quote from ArtisTree for a Sylvester palm for the Winding Stream median at the roundabout \$14,000, which includes transportation from Miami and the heavy equipment to plant the tree. The committee decided to entertain other options due to the cost and also the damage that might occur to the tree when being transported such a long distance. Nancy has experience with Fish Branch Tree Farm east on Hwy 64 and suggested that ArtisTree consult them. Crosspoint was also consulted and quoted \$3750. They will be asked to provide a formal proposal and photograph of the proposed specimen. Eric said he will check his sources before we go elsewhere.

I. Mike Jacobs will be gone for three months but will attend via phone. In his absence, Dona Lasseter will chair our meetings and represent our committee at the monthly CDD Board meetings.

J. It was discovered that the RFP from ArtisTree for edging to retain the mulch in areas where it spills onto the roadway/sidewalks was based on miscommunication regarding the scope of work. Steve, Mike, and Eric will clarify the scope of work for re-quote before the June 2021 committee meeting.

IX. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

A. A resident complaint about the minimal size of the fountain adjacent to the bridge (after the third green) was researched by Steve. They discovered some clogged pattern plates which could have impacted height of spray. If unclogging does not improve function satisfactorily, new equipment may be required. Preliminary cost estimates are in the \$3200 range to modify fountain for a higher/larger effect.

- B. The travertine on the main entrance monuments has been cleaned. Steve will ask Michelle if it now needs to be resealed.
- C. Because flowers take a beating during the hot summer months, Steve is researching the possibility of modifying irrigation to separate annual beds from all else that is currently on the zone. This could help in our attempt to reduce rotations from four to three per year.

X. CDD liaison, Dick Carroll, participated in several discussions during the meeting. He also specifically opined that the area along UMRR north of the main entrance should be balanced with the area to the south to reflect the sophistication and expanse of our property.

XI. There was no other business/committee discussion.

XII. Members were reminded to check CDD email regularly.

XIV. The Sunshine Law was reiterated.

XV. The next landscape committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2021.

XVI. Mike moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Becky and unanimously approved at 4:00 p.m.