

The Landscape Meeting met in the South building Community Room on Tuesday Morning March 12th, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

Those present were Cheryl Thompson, Chairperson, Dee Platt and Ceel Spuhler. Kathy Luce, Gary Zizzo, Gail Carpenter, Wilda Gastila, John Grier, and Mike Manley were absent.

Cheryl Thompson stated the Call to Order and Proof of Meeting.

Next order of business was the need to select a secretary, Ceel Spuhler volunteered.

A motion by Dee Platt and seconded by Ceel Spuhler to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 14th, 2013. Motion carried unanimously, (Since there was not a quorum, the validity of this will need to be restated).

Old Business:

The Garage Planters: Dee Platt presented a drawing of the plan for the four planters. Each planter was numbered from 1-4, the design shows mirror imaging. Six trees will be used therefore no others need to be purchased (2 in planter one, 1 in #2, 1 in #3 and 2 in #4). Four ceramic pots will give dimension to the design. Bromeliads and colored grasses that are salt and wind tolerant will be used. The Confederate Jasmine and Trinette Arbs will be divided among the planters along with added soil and sand mixture with nutrients added. As to what plants are chosen depends on cost and the recommendation from the landscaper.

The above needs to be presented to the Board at their March 19th Board Meeting, so a three phase schedule was recommended.

Phase One: Remove dead plants. Transplant the Ligustrum from planter #1 guaranteed. Check appropriate irrigation system. Add soil, sand and desired nutrients needed.

Phase Two: Transplant Trinette Arbs. Select plants (considering appropriate heights), larger items and pots.

Phase Three: Finishing with added color possibility with suggestion from garden club.

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The colorful annual geraniums could be placed in the terra cotta pots in the courtyard which would make deadheading easier. The desire of the committee is to plant native and tropical perennials that do not have to be replaced where the geraniums were. Further research is needed and possibly should be started in small areas. The thought being that a grouping of 4 different native perennials be planted together so that you have continuous color and new plants coming up through all the seasons. It was suggested to start at the flagpole to see how they do. This procedure could reduce our \$2,500 geranium cost greatly. Suggested Garden Club could investigate colorful perennials.

Green Herron will be asked to give an approximate cost on redistribution of plants and replanting. Also cost of bromeliads and soil. Plan for each planter to be faxed to Green Heron for estimate of cost.

The idea was presented that those who wish to donate monies to the Garden club could do so. The chairman could collect and that sum be added to a line item for those plants in the office.

The next discussion took place regarding the fountains. The chairman presented a thorough plan which designed pavers placed next to the curve and 2 colorful variegated hibiscus and 2 crotons placed between the day lilies. The cost of the pavers and plants total for the two fountains was \$500.00. After lengthy discussion, consideration to the constant problem of large delivery truck tires going over that area pavers not feasible. The next idea is to find colorful mulch to set off the plants to make that area more attractive and this should take place considering the months of possible hurricanes.

Under New Business the Chairman quickly stated that we could think about a variety of cactus being planted at the base of the Palm tree planters on the garage deck and entrance to the east building. It was mentioned that cactus could cause a problem for children. Investigate possible plants such as Pathos and Philodendron that would flow over the planters

There was a call for adjournment. Motion my Dee Platt, seconded by Ceel Spuhler. Respectfully Submitted,