

Creciente Condominium Association

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Subject: Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday February 19, 2015

Landscape Committee Meeting Thursday February 9, 2015 9:45 AM

The meeting was posted accordingly and called to order by Cheryl Thompson. Other members in attendance were, Sally Hadden, Kathy Luce, Dee Platt, Rosalie Macri, Gail Crane, Wes Nails, Sharon Mastic and Donna Wardanian. Absent were Ceel Spuhler, Gail Dreyer, Gail Carpenter, Valerie Dzikowski and Jill Jordan. Margaret Henry and Karen Belke from the Garden Club attended as did Les Remington, our Board representative.

Motion made by Dee Platt and second by Sally Hadden to approve last month's minutes. Motion passed.

There was an informal walk about the property for 30 minutes prior to the Landscape meeting to which all residents were invited in order to familiarize residents with our 6 acre property. Those who attended were Francine and Ray Lamoureux, Wes Nails, Cheryl Thompson and Kathy Luce.

First order of business was to review the Landscape Committee's Mission Statement that was written by Kathy Luce. Sally Hadden made first motion to accept and Rosalie Macri second. After further discussion it was recommended by Wes Nails to reorganize the wording. Motion made by Sally and second by Dee Platt to revise. Unanimous to adopt the mission statement and have it posted on the Creciente website.

Creciente Landscape Committee Mission Statement

Our Objective is to assure we keep our 6 acre property looking it's best for aesthetics and to keep our common property values at the highest level.

We shall enhance existing landscape and amenities through both long and short term projects. The Landscape Committee shall inspect the grounds on a regular basis for any maintenance and improvement needs and report their findings to the CHA Board of Directors.

The Creciente Landscape Committee acts on behalf of the residents of The Homeowner's Association and at the direction of the CHA Board of Directors.

The committee is made up of volunteers that advise the Board of Directors on the management and maintenance of our common areas and outdoor environment.

New Business

Les Remington suggests we provide the most colorful and best conditions for our landscape during the winter months when most residents live here.

Plants that naturally go dormant or are in their best blooms during the summer months often appear dead or dying. The committee agreed completely and we will work towards that goal. Also, Cheryl Thompson informed us that some of the newer plantings done several years ago were not, in fact, what was recommended by the Landscape Architect. Substitutions were made that have not thrived. So we must adjust accordingly. We are very pleased with Ben and are seeing improvements since Kyberz has been fertilizing and mulched our property. The (free) annuals he planted in the courtyard look very nice. There was much discussion on the pool area which needs to have more usable space and still be pleasing to the eye. There are bugs and diseased plants in the pool area which is not acceptable. Since pavers did not pass, that issue is tabled for now and replaced with planting Zoysia grass. This will allow chairs to be used on the grass though residents and/or staff will have to replace chairs on decking each day to allow for recovery, mowing etc. The Zoysia grass will be hand mowed and bagged to protect the pool. Area will be graded for drainage to go towards walkway on both sides.

Fountains

Both fountains have been torqued down to 80% as the current stream is too small for our motors. This is actually harder on them and the new bubblers (using rebuilt parts to decrease our cost) would be prettier and better for the motors. We are still awaiting the bid. Kathy Luce suggested the \$800.00 from T-shirts sold in 2104 be put towards the cost. Sally Hadden made motion and Donna Wardanian second to apply funds to refurbished fountains. Motion passed unanimously.

Terra cotta pots

Discussion on moving 2 terra cotta planters from the courtyard to the pool and placing them under the care of the Garden Club. Dee made motion and second by Kathy. Motion passed unanimously.

Priority List

Discussion of priorities for 2015/2016. Motion made by Sally and seconded by Dee to prioritize Creciente Landscape projects as follows and to present it to the Budget and Finance Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

PRIORITY LIST OF CRECIENTE LANDSCAPE PROJECTS TO MAINTAIN TOP PROPERTY VALUE

1. Zoysia sod by pool to replace present plants, leaving Cocoplum hedge and Palm trees, including mulch around palms \$6550.00
2. Replace dying Xora bed on south side of courtyard as well as the blank

- space along south building entrance. \$1815.00
3. Remove dormant Mexican petunia by north and south building, replace with sod. \$3600.00
 4. 6 large terra cotta pots -4 in courtyard and 1 each at north and south building entrance \$3000.00
 5. Redo beds at north and south entrances to courtyard under the Christmas palms \$4750.00

The above are solutions to numerous problems we are having and have a 3 year guarantee from Kyberz Landscape. This would also complete the courtyard area with the bougainvilleas being transplanted from pool area to the 3 beds on north side of courtyard to fill in blank spaces. The jasmine would also be repurposed to other areas that are bare.

6. Redo both fountain plantings \$5500.00

TOTAL \$25, 215.00

Last, Ben will do heavy pruning both entrances in the spring. He has thoughts to regrade and have some graduated plantings at the entrances to make more of an impact. The Norfolk Pines must and will be removed. Les Remington advised that Florida Power and Light will be working on the lines though he is unsure of the timetable. We will revisit this area at some point after work is completed.

Dee motioned, Kathy second and meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Luce