

Landscape Committee Meeting  
Tuesday January 20, 2015  
10 AM

The meeting was posted accordingly and called to order by Cheryl Thompson. Other members in attendance were Kathy Luce, Donna Wardanian, Sharon Mastic, Gail Carpenter, Gail Crane, Gail Dreyer, Dee Platt, Jill Jordan, Sally Hadden, Rosalie Macri, Wes Nails and Board liaison, Les Remington.

Absent were Ceel Spuhler, Valerie Dzikowski, Frank Thomasino and Diana Blackstone.

Motion to approve minutes of last meeting by Gail Carpenter and second by Dee Platt. Cheryl Thompson unanimous to be 2015 Chairman.

Gail Dreyer requested to be notified of any on site meetings with Kyberz Landscape.

Old Business

\*Paver project failed, possibly due to the fact that over 50 owners did not bother to vote at all which counts as a NO. Some felt that it is due to December mailing and everyone is busy with the Holidays prior to January Annual meeting. Gina suggested that the only way out of that would be to change Annual Meeting date, budget dates etc. to December. Discussion also on 2/3 majority vote and feasibility to change our Declarations to 2/3 majority of *'those that actually vote'*. Tabled to another time as it would all be a difficult undertaking.

\*Gail Dreyer stated she did not want pavers due to a visual impairment and if it ever did pass she suggested the ADA to come and make suggestions.

\*Much discussion on what to do with the pool area. New owner Gail Dreyer suggested grass and was informed of the history of why the old grass was replaced with the current landscaping. A motion was made by Donna Wardanian and seconded by Sally Hadden to maintain existing plants and make any decisions at a later date. After more discussion regarding pests, bees and failure to thrive bougainvilleas, Les Remington suggested to move them to empty areas in the North area of the courtyard. Sally Hadden made a motion to ask volunteers to relocate all healthy bougainvilleas to other areas of the property. Seconded by Gail Dreyer. Motion passed and replaces the first.

New Business

Pergolas

In January 2013 the proxy vote had a majority of Owners vote YES (86 votes) to replace the Pergolas at the pool. The Pergolas fall under Building and Grounds but we have been asked to do legwork on bids for the project. We currently are in the process of obtaining bids from;

- 1) Amish internet company which require another bid for actual work to be performed
- 2) Bear Construction in Fort Myers
- 3) Architectural Structures in Naples

In the 2008 Master Plan, \$30,000 was allowed for the pergolas. In 2009 the same amount showed up as a line item and then the funds went into the general fund after that. We are looking

into aluminum for maintenance ease and cost estimates are in the same ball park as the earlier estimates. We will come back with the complete bids when we get them.

#### Fountain

The fountains have a very weak flow. We are getting suggestions to re-build in house to have tiered, bubbling fountains with higher stream using rebuilt parts.

#### Dead and Dying

\*The Pygmy Palm is diseased, dying and a falling hazard on the north entrance. We had only a \$4,000 budget this year.....all of which went to mulch.

Les read an email to/from Howard Ray, Treasurer, that since the 2015 Budget was finalized, the removal money may need to come out of replacement or reserves. Ben Kurtz from Kyburz Landscape suggests replacing with a Gingko tree. We can get one from the 50/50 county tree program for \$65 but with no guarantee or have Ben do it with a 3 year guarantee.

\*The Norfolk Pines need to be removed due to roots growing into the water main. The estimated cost for that is \$3,000. We have an Osprey nest so will need to apply for permit from the FFWCC. We may also need to have a platform built for future nesting habitat. The Board will also need to fund this.

\*The Bougainvillea on the south garage wall are in poor shape. Ben said that he has fertilized them and feels they should come back so we need to have patience. The same goes for the Allamanda at the north end of the south driveway. These he will cut down in the spring and that will encourage new growth.

#### Other

\*Ask Ben what he suggests to put in terra cotta pots near South building mail room to prevent glare for computer users.

\*Wild Ginger in courtyard not thriving but can be moved to other areas. Gail Dryer suggested to remove all the palm trees in the areas leading into the north and south entries into the buildings from the courtyard in order to get sun there and get rid of all the the pots on the property. None of other committee members wanted the trees or pots removed.

\*We will plant annuals next January at the North and South entry ways

\*Ben will plant some annuals free of charge in the courtyard to brighten things up. Very nice of him.

The last order of business was to review what Kyburz Landscape has come up with regarding proposals for new planting in areas that we are having trouble with in order to make them thrive and stand out. The committee members voted on what they felt the priority area was.

- 1) 2 Fountain Landscape plans at \$5000 total 5 votes
- 2) 2 Courtyard Landscape plans at \$4600 total 4 votes
- 3) 6 Terra Cotta Pots at \$600 total 2 votes

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Luce