

The Landscape Committee Meeting met in the South Building Community Room on Thursday, February 14th, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Kathy Luce agreed to be Co-chair along with Cheryl ,

Gary Zizzo stated the Call to Order and Proof of Meeting.

Next order of business was to select a Co-chairperson. Cheryl Thompson graciously volunteered. Discussion followed if anyone cared to volunteer to be Secretary. Gail Carpenter will be asked to fill this position.

A motion by Dee Platt and seconded by Gary Zizzo to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

The discussion involved garage deck planters. It was felt that all 4 planters should be finished. Most of the condos in our complex look down on at least one of the planters and it was thought it could effect our property values.

The one planter that was finished as per the original landscaping plan has become over grown and it was felt there are excessive number of plants in the planter at this time. It was also felt that more color needs to be added to planters as the current plants only produce white flowers.

The committee proposes to the Board that the 3 remaining planters be planted with the 3 Ligustrum trees as in the first planter. Also, that the 100 #1 Confederate Jasmine and 50 #3 Trinett Arbs be divided among all 4 planters. All 4 planters be filled with adequate amount of planting soil mix. Sharon, our condo manager, will contact Green Heron to give us an estimate on the above.

Committee also proposed that colorful native perennials and tropical plants be planted in all 4 planters. It was recommended that planting of native plants be done by Creciente Garden Club to cut down on cost.

Scaled drawing of proposed trees, shrubs for all 4 planters and suggested native, salt tolerant, wind tolerant and drought tolerant colorful plants will be presented to Board at March meeting.

Gary Zizzo volunteered to remove the 7 trees in 3 unfinished planters. Sharon, our manager, will contact Green Heron to see what they will charge to remove trees from property. Also investigating other means of disposal. It was determined due to excessive root system these trees cannot be used any place else on our property.

The 2 fountain areas were brought up as they are definite focal points of North and South building. At present, the colorful plants that were on outside edge had to be removed due to contractors running over them. It was recommended that a row of brick pavers be put on inside of foundation to give wider area and keep contractors off plantings. Sharon, our manager, suggested these could be purchased at Home Depot and installed by Craig.

Colorful native perennial or tropical plants could be planted around outside edge of both fountains. It was suggested that possibly plants for this could be donated and be planted by Garden Club. These plants could be purchased at Home Depot at a minimal cost. Suggested plantings to be approved by Board.

Also discussed that eventually would like to replace annual plantings, such as geraniums, with colorful native perennials and tropicals that do not have to be replaced every year but still provide year round color.

It was brought up that owners who want to plant their own plants until they return should be advised that all plants need to be approved by Board.

Sharon, our manager, will contact Green Heron to get estimate on final suggested plants for 4 planters and what they would charge to haul trees away in 3 planters.

The committee will meet again before March Board meeting to finalize recommended planter scale drawing and suggested native, colorful plants recommended by committee

There being no new business there was call for adjournment. Motion by Dee and seconded by Wilda.

Respectfully,

Ceel Spuhler, Temporary Secretary

Cheryl Thompson

