

## Creciente Condominium Association

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**Subject:** Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes February 25, 2016

### Creciente Landscape Committee Minutes February 25, 2016 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Thompson and previous minutes approved. Those in attendance were Cheryl Thompson, Bonnie Ridener, Jill Jordan, Carol Kucharek, Dee Platt, Gail Crane, Donna Wardanian, Kathy Luce, Sally Hadden, Rosalie Macri. Absent were Gail Carpenter, Frank Tomasino, Gail Dryer and Wes Nails. Ceel Spuhler and Sharon Mastic were in the audience.

#### New Business

Cheryl read a lovely note of thanks from Tom Blackstone regarding the Memorial Benches for Dianna that were purchased with his thoughtful donation.

Many people have been using them in the courtyard and because of that we discussed the need for a platform/stones as the grass is getting worn, especially when it rains. He has also most generously given another \$400 to be used at our discretion.

The Courtyard is looking bright and colorful though we have seen some stress on the plants due to the extreme high winds and flooding we received last month. We are pleased with Ben's commitment to our property...he and his crew even came out during the downpours to finish the new grading he designed for us by both garage entrances that had caused severe flooding problems and many (!) man hours to remedy. Our front entrances need some care as well as color to reflect our other landscape improvements. The East building planters continue to be a problem as they are too wet and shaded all day. The Pygmy Palm at the North building is crooked near the door and needs removal. Irrigation is needed for the pots at the entrances to the North and South building as they need hand watering. Plants in the pool planters need replacement often as they also are hand watered and it is a challenging environment at the pool due to wind and salt air.

Everyone seems pleased with the fountains/new landscaping. Committee members have received compliments. The water pattern is still being tweaked as they are in a challenging wind tunnel effect from the beach. Therefore they cannot be too high or wide so as to prevent overspray on to the plantings. (The chemicals from the water are not good for the plants.) Fountain lights are needed to complete the project. Sally reported that 8 uplights and 2 transformers will cost \$1769.00. There will be 2 for each palm clump/4 per fountain. That would start us off as the transformers are the largest expense.

Dee first/Carol second to use Tom's Landscape donation towards the fountain lighting.  
Unanimous.

Discussion between Carol (Social Chair) and Dee (Decorating Chair) to use the \$600 Memorial donation Tom Blackstone made to the Decorating Committee for Social Room artwork towards the fountain lighting and have the Social Committee buy the the artwork. Social Committee may also have additional funds to put towards the project. There were 8 out of 11 members of the Decorating Committee present and it was unanimous that any leftover funds from 2016 Decorating budget to be used towards the fountains. (approx \$200)

Kathy first/Gail second to proceed with this plan after Tom is asked how he would like any of his generous donations be used before anything is finalized. Unanimous.

#### PRIORITY LIST 2017

- 1) Irrigation of pots at North and South entrances. \$90.00 for both pots. Kathy first/Bonnie second. Unanimous
- 2) Platform and stones for Courtyard benches. \$800.00 for both sides. Sally first/ Carol second. Unanimous
- 3) Enhance the entrances to North, South and East buildings with colorful plantings. Cost TBD Kathy first/Donna second. Unanimous
- 4) Address Thumbergia on NW sides of both the North and South buildings. Ben to re-design/re-use. Cost TBD Jill first/Rosalie second. Unanimous

Other discussion.

\*Garden Club to brainstorm SW planter as it has flooded 4 times due to improper irrigation maintenance. Divide grasses? Reuse Crotons from #111?

\*Crooked Pygmy Palm at North building sliding door entrance to be removed.

\*Area in front of Unit #111 is to be redesigned by removing the Crotons (to another area) and Juniper shrubs and replacing with sod. The Board has already addressed this matter at the request of the Owner and approved the cost.

\*All 5 Norfolk Pines are to be removed after the Osprey nest is vacated. Our permit is valid thru 2016.

\*We will need to replace the 5 Pines plus 1 Palm according to Ft Myers Beach tree ordinance. We are hoping they will resume their 50/50 program in October.

Sally first/Bonnie second to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Luce

