

Creciente Landscape and Garden Club
Minutes January 14, 2016
9:00 AM

The meeting as posted accordingly. Those in attendance were Cheryl Thompson, Carol Kucharek, Dee Platt, Gail Crane, Donna Wardanian, Sally Hadden, Gail Carpenter, Kathy Luce, Gail Dreyer and Bonnie Ridener. Absent were Jill Jordan, Frank Tomasino, Rosalie Macri and Wes Nails.

Les Remington was in attendance as well.

The first order was to elect Cheryl Thompson Chairperson of Landscape Committee and Sally Hadden Chairman of Garden Club. Vote unanimous.

Old Business

1/28/2016

Last year it was voted to change the fountain heads to foaming/bubbling. We have had little success by doing it in-house since April. Duck's World has given us a bid of \$2,175.00 for both fountains to do either a 5-head foaming/bubble or a 4 sided stream with a center foaming head. Gail Dryer states she wants the fountains removed as she states they are ugly and a 'waste of money on overkill'. All other members stated their like of the fountains and that removing them would be a material alteration requiring 2/3 owner approval. It was stated that the fountains are one of the first impressions when driving up to the North and South Buildings. Discussion on both fountain streaming styles. Motion made by Sally and second by Donna to go with 4 sided stream with center foam/bubble with work to be done by Duck's World for \$2,000.00. Motion passes with Gail Dryer a no vote.

Osprey permit was granted through December 2016 for Norfolk Pine Tree removal. However, the Ospreys have begun to nest in one of the pines. The other 2 (one at each of the entrances) will be removed and we will wait on the third until the nest is empty. Gail Dryer asks to cut down more trees. It was explained that the reason these 3 trees must be removed is because the roots are growing into our lift station, not because we are randomly cutting them down.

New Business

A copy of the Landscape Master Plan was passed out. It was taken out by a previous Board but will be added back into the Master Plan in 2017.

All plantings have been removed from fountains except pygmy palms and Ben will do the approved plan within the next few weeks. The property will be mulched with dark cocoa brown mulch at a cost of \$4500. Annuals will run \$600. Also Ben has given us Geraniums for the fountains and Lantana for the courtyard at no charge. Everyone is very pleased with his service and how good the property is looking. We have received many compliments on the courtyard and pool as well. His contract has been renewed with a 3% cost increase.

Deck planters with the small palm trees discussed...trees are dying as they are getting too big for the pots, yet cannot be removed without breaking the pots. Motion made by Sally and second, Donna to let the palms die naturally and let the Jasmine grow as nothing else will fit or fill them since the trunks take up nearly the whole space. Gail Dryer suggests to get rid of the pots and sell them. Motion passed with Gail Dryer casting dissenting vote.

Ft Myers BeachTree program currently on hold so we will wait to see if it is reinstated later this year as we have \$450 left for tree replacement. Gail Dryer wishes to cut down palm trees in courtyard and trees on other parts of the property. It was explained that when a tree dies, it is Ft Myers Beach ordinance to replace them.

Fountain and deck lighting discussed and higher wattage solar lights will be investigated by Garden Club.

Cheryl read a beautiful thank you note from Tom Blackstone who donated the 2 courtyard benches in memory of our dear friend, Diana. He has generously donated another \$100 to put a planter by one of the benches. The Garden club will take care of his request.

Motion to adjourn Dee, second Gail Carpenter.

Submitted,

Respectfully

Kathy Luce