



Community Residents Frustrated with the Porch Renovations & Landscaping Projects

Needlessly to say, I don't have to outline to you the disaster we are all facing with the porch renovations & landscaping project. All of us are subject to the inconvenience and disorder of these projects. This started, on of all days, **Memorial Day Weekend**. Ravenel sent a last-minute notice to us the night before to remove all our deck furniture by 7:00 am. There was no prior notice or explanation of the porch renovation or a work schedule outlining the work process.

A work schedule for the porch renovations was finally sent a week or so after the project started. Everyone's screens were cut open so they could begin power washing. Add insult to injury, we were informed that the project would not be completed until the end of August. The entire summer without the use of our porches and infested with all insects. The board estimated that the porch renovation cost is \$150,000. When residents complained about having their deck furniture inconveniently inside their condo Ravenel's answers: "You can put the furniture back on your porches but you will have to remove them again so they could complete the renovation. **What about the Insects????**"

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Landscaping : I pointed out on the last *News Letter* the board had architectural plans and a poster of some pictures of the floral that was projected to be planted. The board discussed the aspects of the plan which could not be seen or heard by the residents attending the meeting. We were not given the opportunity to review or question any of the project being proposed. Only two of the four board members spent close to an hour looking at the drawings while we had to sit in silence.

I would like to remind everyone this landscaping project is estimated to cost the community \$400,000 (**close to half a million dollars**) and had no intentions of presenting it to the community. The project is proposed to be completed in two sections. Some this year and the balance to be completed in the fall of next year. This project should have been presented publicly to the community before it started!!

Now they are digging up all the old plants as part of the first phase, estimated to cost \$250,000 of the estimated \$400,00 total cost. They are about to start planting the replacement floral in the **heat of the summer**. Professional landscapers would not plant this time of year. According to the Board we have only 1 year warranty for the planting.

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As I stated in the last *News Letter* Quote; "One thing we all were able to hear, as their voices managed to increase in volume, was their dissatisfaction that we created a website for the community; something that was lacking in the five years I have been here. So, I want to make it very clear, we will continue with this website in an effort to inform the community of what is going on and to help all residents understand how **we can together, improve our community and help to maintain and increase the value of our home investments. If you agree let us know.**"

General Comments: *Since there were no minutes of the March, April, and May Board Meeting available at the time of this publication, I was not able to send a copy to you all for your review. We check the library each month, and the Board Minutes are not inserted into the Meeting Minutes Binder.*

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