

MINUTES

Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee

May 11, 2021

Marble Hall

Call to order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 10:03 am by Kimmeron Lisle. Members present: Kimmeron Lisle, Rob Dumas, David McKeehan, Sandy Bachman. Excused: Chair Greg Burke and Sara Tracy and Mike Tracy. Also present Public Works Supervisor Mike Guarino, Administrative Assistant Christine Burri, and Public present – Volunteer; Dave Fischer

OPENING: Committee member Kimmeron opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 13, 2021, Regular Beautification Committee Meeting.

MOTION: Motion made by committee member Dave McKeehan to approve Meeting minutes, seconded by Sandy Bachman to approve the minutes for April 13, 2021.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

TREASURERS REPORT: Committee member Dave McKeehan explained the expenditures from Giving Tree 4/12 – 5/11, Home Depot: Boarder for barrier garden: Public Works Supervisor, Mike Guarino \$152.56, Marathon Garden Club bromeliads for “What’s Your Hurry” garden, committee member Sandy Bachman \$108.00; Home Depot: 4 pallets Cypress mulch: Public works supervisor Mike Guarino \$1148.00, Budgeted \$2000.00 Spent: \$1408.56. 4 pallets of Cypress mulch was spread since last meeting.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES:

Christmas Decorations for Light Poles: Committee member Kimmeron Lisle updated committee on Christmas decorations. Brandano to send 3 samples, manatee with Santa hat, Starfish and a Seahorse, to be delivered to Public Works (Mike Guarino), Committee member Dave McKeehan asked to be involved in looking at structure of the decoration samples before he leaves for the summer. Committee member Dave McKeehan, mentioned that Peter Morris has resigned as an alternate and will continue to volunteer. Kimmeron made a motion to nominate Mary O’Neill to the Beautification Committee.

MOTION: Motion made by Sandy Bachman to ask Mary O’Neill to join as the alternate to Beautification Board Committee, Rob Dumas seconded.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

Key Colony Beach Entrance Sign: Committee member Dave McKeehan showed a picture of the new entrance sign, work is done by Jim Byland, wrap is designed by Signs by Rene, and plan was to wrap it with a plastic barrier, photograph showed a silver coin like feature as a mock up, to give an idea of how this will look.

MOTION: Committee member Dave motioned, seconded by Kimmeron Lisle to approve the plastic barrier and sign work to be finished, and installed by Signs by Rene.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimously approved

Work Parties: Committee member Dave McKeehan mentioned committee has had 4 work parties so far. Thanking Dave Fischer, volunteer, volunteers, Mary Kohl, Mary O'Neil, Mackenzie Dumas, Glenda Cantrell, Rich Pflueger and some from fishing and boating, for their help working in the Gardens of Key Colony Beach, have spread 3 ½ pallets of mulch, and weeding. Also thanking Public Works Supervisor Mike Guarino for his and public works guys for the work at the Areca hedges, it was a very big job, removing the non-evasive plants, took about one and a half weeks to complete. Last work party will be this Saturday, 7:30 am or 8:00 am until 11 am at the Tiki hut, using the last couple bags of mulch. Total of 6 pallets of mulch, 75 bags per pallet X 6 pallets = 450 bags of mulch, In March, 2 pallets were spread at the golf course, first work party.

A lot of work, of weeding and grooming. Committee member Dave McKeehan stressed the fact of the need for volunteers, it is essential for all the gardens to get work done. Committee member Sandy Bachman put a post on Facebook, showing pictures of gardens and the work that is being done on the gardens and asking for volunteers, which will also be provided with a new beautification t-shirt.

Recognition of Volunteers: Dave Fischer, Mary Kohl, Glenda Cantrell, Janie Byland Mackenzie Dumas, Mary O'Neil, Joe and Dean.

Irrigation Systems: Public Works Supervisor Mike reports they are still testing and repairing, fixed issues at Memorial Garden, Bocce ball court. East park has broken line will be fixed today.

Fertilizing: Committee member Dave McKeehan stated that the fertilizing will be done by Louie Gonzalez, backed up, doing repairs over by the utility/sewer plant. Should be getting fertilizer this week, will be fertilizing Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday will fertilize city wide including gardens, with the exception of a few small gardens.

Beautification Committee page on Key Colony Beach website: Committee member Kimmeron Lisle, handed out an example of the web page she is working on, trying to get more interest in the community to volunteer, will talk with City Administrator Dave Turner about who to contact for volunteering, either City Clerk or someone on the Beautification Committee. Kimmeron also mentioned that on the web page will have information on Florida Friendly Landscaping Program, which is a University of Florida extension program. Many cities are participating in and want to encourage the residents and city government to plant Florida friendly gardens that are appropriate for the environment, that do not use a lot of water, no fertilizer, etc. Kimmeron will reach out to them and they will put a program together just for Key Colony Beach, they will come out and design it, there are grants available to install one of these gardens. In addition to putting this on the website they will conduct customized webinars for Key Colony Beach. City Administrator, Dave Turner has approved for Beautification Committee to have a page, and allowed to work with Executive Assistant Saara Staten on the new page. Fertilizer,

reefs and water quality, 30 year study of ailing corals in the Florida Keys shows nutrient-supercharged water, is contributing to the death and an ancient ecosystem that evolved to thrive in a fertilizer free environment. In Florida, 86 municipalities and 32 counties have passed fertilizer ordinances since 2007. Fertilizer ordinance restricts the application of fertilizers containing nitrogen and phosphorus during the summer/rainy months of June to September annually. Additionally, the ordinance has set a setback zone of 15 ft. meaning no fertilizer can be applied within 15ft. of any canal, shoreline or wetland. Committee member Kimmeron also mentioned that maybe the city can take some leadership in doing a garden that Florida friendly, then advertising this in the community. Committee member Dave McKeehan is going to the commission this Thursday, asking the city to take leadership on a Florida friendly garden. Committee member Kimmeron Lisle will talk with City Administrator Dave Turner about grants available to apply for, and who will or can apply for.

D'assign Source Proposal for SW corner of "Mounds Garden" along Sadowski: Committee member Sandy Bachman talked with D'assign Source, as they had a couple big specimens, but wasn't a complete picture, talked about moving some plants that were at the mounds, back end, but knowing the right plants to use, through the University of Florida Annex it the best route. D'assign Source is still working on, and our process is a slow one for approvals. D'assign Source understood.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Beautification Award for the month of May: Committee member Sandy Bachman drove around the city and viewed 3 candidates. Coury Drive, 740 12Th Street and a half of a duplex (next to Greg's).

MOTION: by Committee member Sandy Bachman, for the month of May the Beautification Committee Award goes to 740 12th Street, seconded by Dave McKeehan.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous Approval

- B. Remaining work party: Committee member Dave McKeehan said the remaining party will be this Saturday 5/15 AT the Tiki Hut 8am until 11am, welcome to come earlier as it gets too hot. Mulch is already there at the Tiki Hut for those who get there early. Committee member Dave McKeehan also suggested that we prepare an annual calendar showing all meetings, work parties, fund raisers and any other key dates. This calendar would best prepared in January each year when we have a good quorum.
- C. Bocce Ball Gardens: Peter Morris (volunteer) will take care of those gardens, volunteer Peter and Dave McKeehan did some work on the irrigation system, also cut back a lot at the Bocce ball gardens on the side of 7th St. Peter would like to get more involved as a volunteer.
- D. Beautification Committee ideas for continuity over the summer (June-Oct), would poll with Chair Greg Burke on these ideas before presenting. Roster of volunteers (Full time residents as much as possible): Susan DeNeale, Janie Byland, Mary Kohl,

Mary O'Neil, Mackenzie Dumas, Glenda Cantrell, Dave Fischer (informal), Rich Pfleuger liaison with fishing and boating. The committee would like to formally recognize a winter and a summer program. Winter program would be as much like this year with work parties. Summer program would be maintenance, with residents that are here, when available, it's hot and some members don't want to work. Committee Dave McKeehan also suggested that we prepare an annual calendar, showing all meeting, work parties, fund raisers and another other key dates. This calendar would best be prepared in January each year when we have a good quorum. Public works was recognized by the committee as working together and appreciated. Committee member Dave McKeehan would like to see if zoom meetings will be available for the summer. Also mentioned maybe a vice chair, co-chair or rear chair to help with responsibilities. Committee member Dave McKeehan also knows that a quorum is required to make changes. Committee member Dave McKeehan has been doing the co-chair position along with Committee member Kimmeron Lisle. Will table these for now. Looking for alternates or members, will be looking at their recruitment posture. Committee member Sandy Bachman also mentioned she posted a couple of pictures on the current community page with work party pictures and had 200 or more comments. This would help with getting more volunteers too and recognize volunteers and work parties. Committee member Kimmeron thanked Committee member Dave McKeehan for his hard work, which gelled this committee. Committee member Sandy Bachman discussed the Christmas decorations that will be delivered to the public works barn on Wednesday, next week, we will hang and test them. Will hang at the entrance to test.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2021 @ 10 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Burri
Administrative Assistant