

MINUTES

Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee

October 12, 2021

Marble Hall

Call to order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Greg Burke. Members present: Kimmeron Lisle, Rob Dumas, Sandy Bachman. Excused: Dave McKeehan, Guest Present: Pam Geronemus. Also present: Public Works Supervisor Mike Guarino, City Administrator Dave Turner, and Administrative Assistant Christine Burri, City Clerk: Silvia Gransee.

TREASURERS REPORT: NONE

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES:

Christmas Decorations

Chair Greg Burke Christmas decorations are on target for delivery. City Administrator, Dave Turner, asked if a check is needed upon delivery. Dave Turner has asked Chair Greg Burke to find out when the check is needed. Greg Burke said he will call and find out.

Committee Member, Kimmeron Lisle, announced that the new wreaths will come in. The wreaths were more expensive than anticipated. The wholesale account saved a lot of money with the vendor. Wreaths should arrive Friday via UPS.

Kimmeron Lisle said that the Christmas decorating party is usually done on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year it would fall on November 20th. A Pre-decorating party for the new wreaths to wrap with lights will be done as well. Items can be stored at Marble Hall. Committee Member Kimmeron Lisle is asking to spread the word for the decorating party. No exact date was set.

Greg Burke is asking about the electric outlets in the poles. Mike says additional outlets have been installed. Gazebo outlets are still being worked on as well as the light timer.

Florida Friendly Landscaping

Kimmeron Lisle announced that Claire Lewis, Landscape Architect for FFL, has drawn plans for the beautification for the entrance to the city of Key Colony Beach.

Kimmeron explained the different plants that have been chosen and will be presented to the Commission on Thursday. Plants will be drought tolerant and do not need an irrigation system. Pictures are shown in attachment.

Committee Member Kimmeron Lisle addressed the question on costs and asked City Administrator, Dave Turner, on how to pay for the plants. Dave Turner said it is a good question. Kimmeron said that it is a very beautiful concept on local plants. Dave Turner asked about the Giving Tree budget as well as holding a fundraiser. Greg Burke said that there is a regular budget as well. Members agree that the beautification should be done.

Greg asked about the maintenance on the new garden and suggested Gonzales Landscaping. Public Works Supervisor, Mike Guarino, has about access to the area where the planting will be done. An access of 16 feet is needed to trim the mangroves and buttonwoods. Mike Guarino suggested to do a dry run with the vehicle to see how much room is needed. He thinks the

planting is still doable and there just might have to be some adjustments. Dave Turner asked if trees were available as dwarf trees to help with the access. Chair Greg Burke asked Mike to measure what room he needs and to go from there. Kimmeron Lisle will follow up with Claire and Michelle from Florida Friendly Landscaping. Greg Burke asked if the same truck will be used in the future. Mike Guarino said that he would like upgrade to a boom lift eventually. Greg Burke suggested it might be a good idea to invest in one.

Greg Burke mentioned that the bougainvillea by the front city sign look bad and are only an attraction for the iguanas. He asked if anybody had an idea for something else to plant. Greg suggested Ginger possibly. The issue will be addressed at a later point again.

Maintenance Around Town:

City Administrator, Dave Turner, announced that the demolition of the old City Hall building should start soon. Asbestos removal must be done first, possibly in January or February. After that has been completed, the trailers for Post office, and building department have to be setup. Mary Kohl is currently working on the Memorial Garden.

Kimmeron Lisle suggested that some of the plants around current City Hall can be sold at the fundraiser. Dave confirmed that the plants will go away if they cannot be placed anywhere else in City. He also said to check with the Commission if the sale of the plants is possible since they are technically government property. Greg Burke suggested that the plants maybe could be a donation from the City.

Dave Turner advised to start the process with the Commission now on acquiring the plants and what to do with them. Greg Burke stated he will speak on Thursday during the regular Commission meeting and ask about the plants. Turner suggested the golf course as a possible area. Sandy Bachman also suggested Sunset Park. Dave Turner explained that all plants and vegetation but the big tree and the area by the gazebo will go away. No final drawing is yet available. The brick work will stay intact by the canal.

Site plan has been given to Kimmeron Lisle by Dave Turner. Greg Burke asked if the large trees will be saved. Dave Turner said that if they are not in the footprint, they most likely are being saved. The footprint of the building is in a little bit compared to the old building.

Selection of Beautification Award:

MOTION: Motion made by Sandy Bachman, seconded by Kimmeron Lisle, that the house across from City Hall will receive the Beautification Award. The Single-family home is owned by the MacDonald family according to Dave Turner.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

Additional Item:

Current Committee Members asked Pam Geronemus to be a member in their Committee. The Commission will first have to approve the request on Thursday during the next meeting.

Dave also asked to address what the plan is for the City garden maintenance on Thursday's Commission Meeting. Chair Greg Burke said they will have more of an idea after Thanksgiving when more people are back in town.

Next Meeting: November 9th, 2021 @ 10 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Gransee

City Clerk