

Minutes
Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee
March 12, 2019 10:00 a.m. Marble Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Janie Byland. Members present: Janie Byland, David McKeehan, Jackie Topolski, Sandy Bachman, Sara Tracy, Mike Tracy and Peter Morris. Also present: Chris Moonis, City Administrator; and Beverly Traeger, Administrative Assistant. Kimmeron Lisle, Rob Dumas are excused. Public – 4.

OPENING: Janie introduced guests Greg Burke and Holly Folk.

Regarding minutes of February 13, 2019 - Janie wants it noted, regarding the case that trees are dormant, not dead: she and David did go out into the field and check them out. They don't know if they're dead or not but at least 1 or 2 are coming back and others look green under the bark they scraped off.

MOTION: Motion made by Peter, seconded by David, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2019.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Janie stated there have been several substantial Giving Tree donations: a \$4,000 check from the Key Colony Beach Fishing and Boating Club, \$100 from Virginia Dillion, \$100 Jonathan Graves, \$20 Holly & David Folk, \$10 Ned & Kathleen Bode. From the Hotdogs in the Park event: \$455 cash from the raffle, \$776.50 cash from the tip jar, \$397 cash from the 50/50, \$300 cash-back donation from 50/50 winner Janie Byland (Janie stated she gave \$40 of her winnings to tip Sam The DJ for his services, and used the remainder to pay for Coconut Pathway plants). This brings the total in Giving Tree donations to \$22,784.24. Janie introduced Daryl Rice when he questioned where the money is planned to be spent. Janie said some money is earmarked for East Park restoration and What's Your Hurry sign. Daryl suggested the four beds in the common-areas alongside 7th Street, they're empty and there's water there. Sandy suggested to work on the four beds next since they have water, while waiting for other places to get water. Daryl doesn't have staff available to assist with labor for the bed plantings. Sandy suggested hiring landscapers to plant the beds. Sara asked if Gonzalez Landscaping was to do fertilizer. Janie said she requested it from the City two times and she had sent a text to Gerard regarding it but hasn't heard back from him.

David said there's a golf tournament on March 23rd and proposed having a half-day of volunteer work there March 15th, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm for trimming palm trees, removing dead branches, etc. He handed out a flyer. It was suggested to ask the Pickleball members and the Women's Golf League for assistance. Sandy will ask the Women's Golf League. David can run the tractor for debris cleanup. Chris will let Public Works know of the clean-up event in case their help is needed. Anyone interested should contact David.

Janie introduced Ted Fischer from the Recreation Committee.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD – Janie stated they have a list of properties considered for the award. They will either vote or have a consensus. Sandy Bachman will coordinate the day and time to meet with the winners to receive the award. The award consists of a plaque that is stuck in the ground. Pictures are taken and put in the Bee Line. Sandy's update: No award was given last month. Voting has been changed from doing it by email, to doing it at the meeting. Sandy would like to vote for two now because she doesn't know if they'll do it all summer or not. She had sent out the list of these properties for consideration: 5th & Ocean, 1210 Coury Drive, The Cay Condo, The Cabana Club, 291 4th St., 311 11th St.,

621 11th St., and 621 8th St. which is a half duplex. A vote was taken. The winner for this month is 5th & Ocean and for next month The Cabana Club. Properties not chosen will remain on the list for future consideration. Janie asked Sandy to take pictures and submit them, and a report, on the winners to the Bee Line.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING – Janie bought plants for the coconut pathways. If anyone does anything to any gardens, please let all other know. Sandy will take pictures of the gardens that have been done and will submit them to the Bee Line. Janie asked Sandy to say the new plantings can all be transplanted if ever needed. Sandy noted Carol, Janie and she have done planting at the garden in front of the old City Hall. Volunteers are needed for watering the bougainvillea daily until there is some new growth. It was discussed that when money is allotted for a planting project the cost of dirt, mulch, etc. must be considered in the total spending allowance. Janie stated that going under budget on one area and over budget on another is a breach of Sunshine Law. Sandy used her own money to complete a planting project. It was noted if someone used their own money to complete a project and wanted to be reimbursed for it, Chris said they just needs to turn it in as a cost overrun as long as the committee is willing to reimburse.

MOTION: Motion made by David, seconded by Sara, to reimburse Sandy from Beautification Committee budget funds.

ON THE MOTION – Unanimous approval.

David asked Janie if there is a stockpile of mulch, dirt and fertilizer. Janie said no, but can do so. Daryl said fertilizer should not be stockpiled because it goes bad if not used within a year of purchase. It get ammoniated. Any stored now should be thrown out. Daryl pointed out the areca hedge is thinning out and turning yellow; it cannot go long periods of time without water and it needs to have an organic fertilizer and recommended Milorganite be purchased through Diamond Fertilizer.

Janie stated Greg Burke has been personally watering on 8th Street because he lives across the street from the 8th Street hedge. Janie thanked him for doing do.

Daryl questioned when watering is done at City Hall Park. Janie said the corner of 7th Street and West Ocean doesn't get watered. Chris requested a list be sent to him of where water is needed. Janie asked Chris if water to the 7th Street side of the arecas has been cut back, he said yes. Daryl said R.O. water can be hooked up there in order to come off FKA water. David will walk the area with Daryl to get a hook-up going. Janie asked if there is water at the 8th Street side. She said that Greg Burke is using his own water, and time, to water there. Chris said there is no water, that's done on a hand watering schedule by Greg of Public Works, but was told via Gonzalez Landscaping those plants were thriving now but there would be some brown spots naturally. If more water is needed there, Chris said we'll put it on the schedule. Janie requested that be done. Janie stated prior to Hurricane Irma, everything was fertilized and mulched once a year. Daryl said that is in Gonzalez Landscaping contract. Janie said Beautification Committee would purchase fertilizer and he would do it. Daryl suggested to order a pallet of fertilizer. Chris said the City would buy a pallet.

Janie asked Chris if he talked to Gonzalez Landscaping about the contract. He said he's not had a chance yet. Janie said she called him but didn't get an answer. Also- Gerard Roussin, Building Official, was going to try and reach him. Janie explained to everyone we have a contract with Gonzalez Landscaping to do all the maintenance around the City, but our physical contract had gotten wet and destroyed in Hurricane Irma and we've been attempting to get a current copy from him.

Janie asked Greg Burke if he's spoken to Paul Cole about contributing money to expand the garden across the street from his house, he has not. Chris has not talked to Paul. He said Paul's not been around. Once he returns, Chris will talk to him.

Janie said for the donation made by the Fishing and Boating Club, they requested it be used for enhancement to the areca hedge. Janie has contacted a buyer in Homestead, Sue Casey, who will supply a combination of trees, bushes and flowering plants. Janie said she was at the concert at Sunset Park last Sunday, and there are so few trees for shade she thinks more trees are needed, and there's already water there. She spoke with Tom Alfares, the Commodore of the Fishing and Boating Club, and mentioned this to him. He invited her to attend their next meeting to present this, and additional money may be contributed for this cause.

There is some preliminary planting to be done and David is in charge of this. At the areca hedge (before Sue Casey comes back with her plants), a neighbor, Ellie Carr, can donate approximately ten (10) five-foot high coconut trees, Janie will donate some large Norwegian Pines, and Greg Burke is donating a medium size frangipani. The frangipani may be put somewhere other than the areca hedge. David has learned how to use the tractor and has City approval to use it when it's convenient for the City, but to check with Gerard when he will be need it. Chris requested Greg sign a liability waiver in case the tractor should destroy something on his property in the removal process.

HOT DOG EVENT WRAP-UP, FEBRUARY 23- DAVID MCKEEHAN – It was very successful. There were 460 sausage/hot dogs and there were 15 left over, which were donated. There were approximately 250 people in attendance. Two and a half kegs of beer, and three large crock pots of chili were consumed. They raised \$2,088. Janie thanked David and Beverly McKeegan for funding the event since Beautification Committee's donated/budgeted money cannot be used because it would be against the law. David gave a shout-out to all who had donated items such as ice, chili, etc.

WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT - Chris said he supplied the data to Kimmeron as requested, she was doing the reporting. The report shows how much water is being used now compared to usage pre-Hurricane Irma. Chris says 4 or 5 years data was given. We expect her report will be bumped to next month.

SCAEVOLA HEDGE AT EAST OCEAN DRIVE – Sara said she and April spent 3 hours cleaning out the dead stuff and debris, and Public Works came and picked up the trimmings and garbage.

NEW BUSINESS – The new plantings in front of old City Hall can be transplanted if needed.

EAST PARK – NEW PLANS – Janie said Gerard and Gonzalez Landscaping will meet tomorrow after the code board meeting to discuss water. Chris will speak to Gonzalez at that time also. Water is working for the grass but nobody did anything about water for the gardens, and those are scheduled to be renovated. Janie said the plans in place are being changed. Chris said if changes are being made from what was originally voted and agreed upon, a vote should be done to approve the changes. Janie said the plans have already been budgeted. Chris said even though budget has been approved, the changes to the plants should be reviewed and approved for the record. Janie says the original proposal was \$4,220 and she expects to remain there, or slightly over.

MOTION: Motion made by David, seconded by Sara, to remain at the same budget but possibly change the plans for the East Park gardens.

ON THE MOTION – Unanimous approval.

It's asked if there's a plan to put any type of hedge on the north side of the tennis court facing the park. Janie said there's no plan but it can be talked about. The hedge on the other side of the tennis court, the South side, is a little shabby. It has a good silver palm that's growing in it, maybe to have the buttonwood hedge trimmed. Chris says the hedge and the parking lot surrounded by the hedge is City property, everything northeast is Casa Clara. Janie would like to have that hedge trimmed. Chris will put it on his list.

Janie brought up the Canal Walk behind Marble Hall, at the back of 7th Street canal. She wants to know if that should be planted again because it looks pretty shabby. Previous discussion was not to plant because there may be a new City Hall building there. Chris suggested planting should proceed because the final determination of the building has not yet been established. Janie would like to take on that garden with a committee to help her. There's the question if water is available there. Chris will check.

MOTION: Motion made by Mike, seconded by Sandy, to begin the process of restoring the Canal Walk with a budget of \$1,200.

ON THE MOTION – Unanimous approval.

Janie said she will begin the project in April, and asked for volunteers to assist.

Ted Fischer said there is a tree adjacent to the Pickleball courts with large roots, and their contractor said eventually the roots will grow into their brand new court. The contractor recommended the tree be taken out. Considering the proximity of the roots to the court, it was agreed the tree should be removed. Chris suggested it best for the tree to be cut down and to deaden the roots rather than risking damage to the court by removal of the entire tree and roots. The Pickleball Project will pay costs.

MOTION: Motion made by David, seconded by Mike, to authorize the tree be cut down, cost to be paid by the Pickelball Project.

ON THE MOTION – Unanimous approval.

Sandy asked what will be done about the four beds Daryl suggested for plantings. Janie said it will be added to the priority list. Janie read from the list and gave her updated information:

“The first thing on the list, made in December, was water checks – it says please fix or report status.

Bocce: I've asked it be checked, I've never heard from anybody.

Waterfall: never heard anything about it. I've asked for it to be checked, I didn't hear.

Center Island on 7th Street parking lot: that was checked but I still think it's not working.

Triple palms at Sadowski near City Hall: someone says that gets watered. It's not automatically watered, I don't think it needs to anymore.

The Monument Garden: has been checked and has been rehabbed.

This totals the first priority which all relates to water”.

“Second thing was irrigation at What's Your Hurry Parkway. Can't do anything there until it's done”. Chris said he heard it's being done.

“East Park took priority over What's Your Hurry because What's Your Hurry is much more complicated, East Park was easier”.

David asked Chris if the City has a master plan of all the R.O. water lines that are available. Chris said he thinks Gerard or Ed should have that. David requested a copy. Chris said we don't have a master plan of regular water, sprinkler heads and valves, but Gerard said he'd put that together. Janie said there used to be a plan for all the gardens that showed R.O. and Aqueduct water and the times. She would look for an old copy in her files.

Janie said: "After East Park is done we're going to do What's Your Hurry Parkway. Then, I have trim hedge and clean debris in East Park on the list. The clean-up is done but the hedge still needs to be trimmed. It should be trimmed to 18 inches lower than the Casa Clara sides. We decided we'd do it ourselves instead of going to Gonzalez Landscaping for this."

"Next thing is - need to determine from copy of Gonzalez contract, from which we hope to obtain from Luis".

"Then - remove dead hedge from Sadowski side of City Hall. That took care of itself because many of the plants came back. But it's still very spotty. Can we add some plants there? Also should check the water there". Chris says there's R.O. water at the Monument so if that's working, a drip line can be run down the side of the building. He said anywhere there's R.O., plant away. It's the cost of the Aqueduct water that's expensive.

Janie says: "We talked about providing water schedules for existing irrigation, and we just discussed that".

"Fertilize and mulch all trees and shrubs - we talked about that". Chris said we need to order fertilizer. Janie questioned about Gonzalez Landscaping spreading it. Chris said that's what Janie said was in the contract. Chris asked if she has the old contract, she replied yes. Chris asked if the old contract says anything about fertilizing. Janie said she'd have to look at it.

"Areca hedge behind Pickleball hedge needs cleaning - we did that".

Peter stated the City of Key Colony Beach sign as you enter the island needs attention. The original colors were navy blue with real gold leaf and a white trim. He suggested going back to that design if it's monetarily feasible. Rather than refurbish the existing sign, it's suggested to get a new sign that is made to look like the original sign. Chris stated he could authorize \$2,500 toward the sign. Janie requested having a subcommittee to research prices, designs, etc. Chris and Sandy volunteered to help.

MOTION: Motion made by Mike, seconded by David, to establish a sub-committee to plan for the sign and the entire area leading into Key Colony Beach.

ON THE MOTION - Unanimous approval.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Marble Hall.

Meeting adjourned 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant