

Minutes
Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee
August 13, 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, Sara Tracy, Mike Tracy, Sandy Bachman, Rob Dumas and Greg Burke. Also present: Chris Moonis, City Administrator, Janice Scheel Administrative Assistant, Building Official Gerard Roussin. Excused: David McKeegan, Jackie Topolski, and Peter Morris. Public – 0.

OPENING: Chair Janie Byland opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

MOTION: Motion made by Mike Tracy, seconded by Sandy Bachman, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2019.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The remaining monies in the General Fund account need to be spent by September 30, 2019. The financial report was given to each member. That money does not carry over. Giving Tree donations \$20,000.00 will roll over at the end of the fiscal year. Money for Gonzales for trees at East Park & 7th Street playground was to come out of impact and not Giving Tree. That has been rectified.

Chair Janie Byland soundly thanks Public works for getting the Giving Tree moved to Marble Hall. Thank you Chris Moonis for getting the ball rolling. It looks great.

Kimmeron is going to help with the banners. They are going to see how many new banners they will need. 4 banners for Sadowski will be repaired. The money for the banners will come out of the General Fund.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES: The watering for the new plantings has been done. Gerard and Louis figured out a way to water them. Due to all the rain the Sunset Park trees will no longer need to be watered.

Sandy Bachman asked about more plants for the front garden. Chair Janie Byland didn't feel like it needed anymore. The plants there now reseed themselves.

8th street plantings look nice.

Chemical weeding has been done at the canal walk has been done. It needs to be mulched. Janie will add more flowers and make it look more organized.

Some of the grass has caught some of the chemicals and have turned brown. They are starting to look better. Esteban did the spraying during the wind. Administrator Moonis will talk with Esteban about it.

Chris asked about VisQueen landscape filter cloth for the weed control. It is not used down here except in individual gardens. Chair Janie Byland does not like it. She believes it has limited use.

The drainage ditch in front of the sewer plant looks nice. The new plantings need more mulch. Chair Janie Byland went over to weed and clean up.

Grooming, new plantings and mulching has been done at Gazebo Park by John and Susan DeNeale. They spent the \$200 from Virginia Dillon, who collected the money as a memorial for a friend.

Janie asked Gonzales to trim at the entrance of Key Colony Beach on the Circle K side.

Gerard said there is fertilizer left. Chair Janie Byland will have Gonzales use it around the city.

Will also put some at the sewer plant entrance.

Orchid garden could use orchids. They are too expensive for the beautification to purchase. Maybe put a note up in the post office.

NEW BUSINESS: The older flower bed at East Park will need to be mulched. Will have Louis add mulch to East Park. Mulch does not need to be added at the North garden at the Shelter Bay west corner. Member Sandy Bachman asked about seeding the retention pond. Member Greg Burke said it wouldn't work. It was not done correctly 20 years ago. Building Official Gerard Roussin said they have tried to sod and fertilize it.

Motion: City to pay the \$3250 for the City wide mulch/fertilizer made by Sandy Bachman. Seconded by Rob Dumas. All approved.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

Greg Burke is working on the entrance sign to City of Key Colony Beach. There was open discussion. Greg Burke will see about the manufacturers to get the project started and invoiced out before the end of this fiscal year. The estimated cost is \$14,000-\$15,000 in which they will use the \$10,000 extra Gonzales funds and from the Giving Tree to pay for.

Building official Gerard Roussin to talk about the sign construction and estimated costs for the electrical at What's Your Hurry Parkway.

Rough take for \$1,000-1,100 to do the electrical. Most, if not all, existing materials will need replaced. New trenches will need to be dug. All the parks in the City needed new irrigation and electrical as well. Gerard has a list of everything they need.

It is Administrator Moonis opinion to make the entrance more robust since it is the main entrance, everyone sees it. Member Sandy Bachman agrees. Not everyone sees the parks and other areas. The benches will need to be added as well. Buy everything that is needed now. Chair Janie Byland will go back to Gonzales plan to embellish the entrance. There was open discussion.

Chair Janie Byland went from \$12,000 to \$7,000 in landscaping savings by having 2 mounds instead of 3. She would like the \$5,000 impact savings to be transferred to Public Works for electric and irrigation at Parkway.

The trees at "What's your Hurry" look really nice. Chris Moonis is going to take over the sign garden and refurbishing the sign. He will be paying for the project himself.

Chris will bring it to the commission meeting on August 22, 2019 other designs can be used. The money isn't there yet. Rob Dumas asked about solar panel lights as a more economical option.

There was open discussion to table the sign and wait for the money or go ahead with new sign.

Peter Morris may be interested in the refurbishing the entrance sign, if there is no approval for a new sign. All the signs need to be cleaned up. Sandy Bachman is waiting for the new sign.

A few more buttonwoods will be added to fill in along the fence. Signature trees were lighted in the past. That was a big mess. Not putting trees back in as part of the savings. The buttonwoods will sprout at the bottom if they're fed. Public works is shorthanded and cannot promise they will be fed. IF additional person is hired they will be checking on the parks daily, generally.

Chair Janie Byland gave an update there is a donor who will fund up to \$15,000 for the swale repair at Shelter Bay Exercise Park. It has to be reviewed by an engineer. Chris is getting an estimate for the studies to be done. A hydrology study is required by the state to have a closed swale. We are not required to have an open swale. Once a permit is given our public works department will not be able to do the work. It will be outside of their scope. Greg Burke says if a culvert is covered it takes way more water to keep anything alive. The engineering report needs to be seen before any decisions are made.

If and after the swale is taken care of they are going to make the park beautiful and usable. The commission would like to see sod where the city ripped out that grass for the pickelball court. There's still a small space that needs to be done. Gerard suggested another 2 pallets of sod should cover it. Mayor DeNeale said the City was not interested in helping with the swale this year. There also would not be a lot of money for new plantings.

They have \$20,000 available to make the park beautiful. Chris asked about the committee being ok with that. They voted about 2 months to go ahead with the plan. They have not gone to the commission.

They would like to redirect \$10,000 from the Gonzales project. The commission hasn't approved any more money for the Shelter Bay project. Chair Janie Byland will go to the commission about the \$10,000 gave it is public money. Greg Burke says to look at trees being planted. Remove the stump. Open discussion on what to do with the money. Chris suggested spending the money on the entrance sign. Greg asked if Chris could talk to the accountant about rolling over the money to giving tree. Chris said they could use the remaining balance from the giving tree with the commission approval.

Monies are not being approved at this point for the new projects because they are rebuilding reserves. The total cost of the sign will fall on the beautification committee. A building permit will need to be given to do the sign.

Janice will make a letter for the members who were not available for the intended use of the \$10,000.

MOTION: For funding the signage made by Greg Burke, seconded by Rob Dumas

ON THE MOTION: All approved

Mike and Sara Tracy will have the banners repaired as their donation to the committee. Banners need to be placed equally on East Ocean Drive as well as the rest of the City. 21 poles on the causeway to City Hall and 2 more on East Ocean and Sadowski. There are 9-10 poles on East Ocean. There are 12-13 Poles on West Ocean. There are 20 banners but 4 need to be repaired. 2 were destroyed. 26 starfish. April, Mike, Sara and Kimmeron will get together to see how many banners will need to be ordered. Chair Janie Byland would like them to be ready by Thanksgiving.

Some of the banners are losing glitter. Greg Burke and Janie Byland will do the glittering themselves.

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

Meeting adjourned 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Scheel
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