

MINUTES
KEY COLONY BEACH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
March 20, 2018 10:00 AM at City 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 Patti Trefry. Members present: Patti Trefry, Bill Trefry, Janie Byland, Sandy Bauchman, Kimmeron Lisle, Phebe Blackburn, Jackie Topolski and Peter Morris. Excused: David McKeehan, Sally Gill. Also present: Kathryn McCullough, City Clerk Public - 2

Minutes

The minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were approved.

Reappointments

Patti Trefry announced the City Commission Organizational Meeting will be held on April 2, 2018. Beautification committee members, Janie Byland, David McKeehan and Phebe Blackburn, will be re-appointed at this meeting. Patti also announced she has ‘thrown her hat in the ring’ to be considered for Commissioner Jerry Ellis’ unexpired term. If she is selected both she and Bill Trefry will resign from the Beautification Committee, as required by the Land Development Regulations (LDR). Phebe Blackburn will take over the Chair position. Janie act as liaison when Phebe is out of town.

Donation

Patti gave City Clerk McCullough a check from David McKeehan in the amount of \$3,650 for the Giving Tree for Beautification. David is the patron for the Hot Dogs in the Hut event which was not held this year. This check represents the amount of the ‘out of pocket’ he would normally contribute to the Hot Dog Event.

Future of Beautification

Patti reported the Public Works crew has put a ‘band aid’ on the irrigation system. There is water, except, for the Coconut Pathway, which is still connected to David’s house. Public Works has promised this will be fixed as some new parts that had been ordered are received. It will be up to the Committee to decide on what, if any, plants will be planted. Patti said she has been informed the entire park, from City Hall to 8th Street is on the ‘chopping block’. Phebe when would she know if she could take everything out of the orchid garden, to save. Patti answered there really is no answer to that question at this time. Janie asked if they could purchase some bromeliads. Patti thought that would be okay. She also said Eastside Park is a mess. Sara and Mike Tracy would like to help with its restoration. Patti said the electrical needs to be repaired first, then the irrigation and finally the restoration. The Committee agreed to continue with maintenance; i.e. manually watering and weeding. Phebe asked what was in the mulch. It looks like some kind of grass and you can’t pull it out. She said some kind of a weed killer will have to be used. Janie asked who would take the canal walk as Patti and Bill will no longer be on the committee. Patti said David has the coconut pathway, Sandy Bachman has around the tiki hut, Jackie has the “What’s your Hurry”, Kimmeron the City Hall garden, Phebe has the Post Office, the Orchid Garden and the Gazebo. Peter was going to help out where needed. Patti has been marking dead plants with yellow caution tape so Public Works can begin removing them as they find time. She has not started marking trees. Patti said the LDR’s designates Beautification as an advisory committee. The LDR’s does not require Beautification to do the labor. Patti asked if the Committee wanted to continue as in the recent past, or turn it over, with supervision, to whoever has the landscaping contract. Janie explained before she chaired the Committee the City was a mess as not

much was done with beautification. At that time there were a lot of motivated individuals interested in making the City beautiful. Now, due to Irma, the Committee is at a cross road. Sandy said, at least for the new City Hall, landscaping should be budgeted. Phebe said basically everything is in a 'holding pattern' as so many things are still 'up in the air'.

Beautification Award

Patti said, historically, the beautification award is based on the street side of the property. Patti is not opposed to giving the Beautification Award to the Cay. Peter Morris suggested the house across the street from him. He will call Patti with the owners name and house number. It was the unanimous decision of the Committee to present the award to the house across from Peter Morris.

Unfinished Business

Kimmeron asked if she could donate the Bismark Palm, from her front yard, to Beautification Committee. Patti reported a Bismark only has a 10 to 25% chance of surviving transplant. Mike and Sara Tracy will take Patti and Bill Trefery's place on the Committee if Patti is appointed to the City Commission. If Patti is not appointed Mike and Sara will assist the Beauts.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 AM.



Respectfully Submitted
Kathryn L. McCullough
City Clerk