

Minutes
Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee
April 16, 2019 10:00 a.m. City Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call: The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Janie Byland. Members present: Janie Byland, David McKeegan, Jackie Topolski, Sandy Bachman, Sara Tracy, Mike Tracy, Rob Dumas, and Peter Morris. Also present: Gerard Roussin, Building Official; Greg Lawton, Public Works Supervisor; and Beverly Traeger, Administrative Assistant. Public – 1 .

Chair Janie Byland provided a copy of Gonzalez Landscaping's contract dated 10/29/2007, with addendum of 11/24/14.

Chair Janie Byland announced she has an addition to the Agenda concerning Sunset Park.

OPENING: Chair Janie Byland introduced guests Building Official Gerard Roussin and Public Works Supervisor Greg Lawton.

MOTION: Motion made by Board Member Mike Tracy, seconded by Board Member David McKeegan, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2019.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kimmeron Lisle has resigned from the Beautification Committee since she's now a Commissioner. Appointment of new Treasurer: Board Member Mike Tracy volunteered for the position.

MOTION: A vote was taken to appoint Mike Tracy as Treasurer.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

The committee intends to first spend the budgeted money that comes from the city before the end of the budget year, the end of September, or they will lose it.

BEAUTIFICATION: It had been decided in a previous meeting not to give the award in the summer time, to wait until fall, and the October award will be presented to The Cabana Club.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING: East Park Garden has been totally rehabbed. The water and sprinklers are working on the three gardens there. The budgeted amount was \$4,220; a bill was received for \$2,670; so there was a savings of \$1,550, and the city approved it.

The landscaping is finished for the enhancement of the areca hedge. Board Member David McKeegan ran the tractor to dig holes and he put in the irrigation system that's all R.O. water. \$4,000 was received from Fishing and Boating for the enhancement of the hedge, Chair Janie Byland had to add an additional \$1,000 from the Beautification Committee to make it really good. Chair Janie Byland would like to have an approval on those expenses.

MOTION: Motion made by Board Member David McKeegan, seconded by Board Member Sara Tracy, to approve those expenses.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

The areca hedge needs to be cleaned out of trash. A volunteer cleanup is scheduled for Monday, April 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Scovola hedge at East Ocean Drive between 1st and 2nd Streets has been trimmed. Building Official Gerard Roussin said Public Works trimmed the scovola hedge, and can do the buttonwood along the tennis court. Gonzalez Landscaping will remove the silver palm.

Public Works Supervisor Greg Lawton says all water to all the gardens by the bocce ball courts are up and running. There is a \$1,200 allotment to rehab the Canal Walk Garden. Building Official Gerard Roussin said R.O. water should be done by the end of today. The Monument Garden and Waterfall Gardens are done. The Center Island at 7th Street parking lot is in the process of being done.

Citywide Fertilization: Gonzalez Landscaping will schedule the fertilizer.

Drinking fountain at Tiki Hut: It seems to be working to cool the water.

Disposing of old fertilizer in the shed: it's been spread on the retention pond to see if it does any good.

Landscape Water Management report: The areas that's excessive is at the highway entrance and 2nd St. Building Official Gerard Roussin said citywide they are changing to all the same valves and sprinkler heads. He suggested getting a copy of next month's water bill to compare after these repairs.

NEW BUSINESS: The next budgeted project is at "What's Your Hurry Parkway". The water there was never right and it's still not working. Building Official Gerard Roussin has a plan that needs to be approved, and he handed out a map. The electric is not currently working, but will be fixed. There are 2 or 3 stumps that need to be removed. The hedge needs to be filled in. The fence is not on our property. Budget for the gardens was to be \$12,070 but cutting expenses such as reducing 3 mounds to 2 reduced it to \$7,015. The grass has come back so will be kept instead of mulching. Chair Janie Byland handed out the old plan and the new plan. A vote was taken to approve the changing of plans, there was unanimous approval.

Chair Janie Byland spoke to the Commodore of the Fishing and Boating Club regarding the lack of shade at Sunset Park. She requested a donation to put in trees. \$3,000 was approved. Budgeted money of the Beautification Committee will also be used. Plantings will be done around the edge of the path. Total budget is \$4,840. \$3,000 from the Fishing and Boating Club will be used for Beautification cost to be \$1,840. \$1,550 was saved at the East Park project. A vote was taken on the Sunset Park tree enhancement, there was unanimous approval.

There was open discussion concerning signage for the City.

A suggestion to add more arecas at the tennis courts will be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Member David McKeehan suggested making enhancements to the playground park that includes the area of the playground, bocce ball court and shuffleboard. To have a 3-year, 5-phase plan at the cost of approximately \$30,000 to combine all the separate sections of the park with a walkway that could be used as an exercise trail, and put in a separate garden. The cost would be paid partially by the Beautification Committee, with the remainder possibly paid by the City and possibly a state grant. He suggested everyone think about this and bringing up more ideas at the next meeting.

A vote was taken for Greg Burke to join the Beautification Committee to fill the vacant spot of Kimmeron Lisle. There was unanimous approval.

Chair Janie Byland reported City-wide fertilizing is done once a year after hurricane season.

Meeting was adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Traeger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beverly Traeger
Administrative Assistant