

Minutes
Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee
November 5, 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 10:03 a.m. by Chair Janie Byland. Members present: Janie Byland, Mike Tracy, Rob Dumas, Greg Burke, Sandy Bachman. Also present: Chris Moonis, City Administrator. Excused: David McKeegan, Jackie Topolski, and Peter Morris. Public – 0.

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

MOTION: Motion made by Janie, second by Sandy Bachman, to approve the October 8 minutes with the following corrections. The What's Your Hurry Parkway sign to be refurbished by Chris Moonis. The Giving Tree has spent approximately \$5,800 toward the cost of the Causeway sign. Rob Dumas would like to oversee the job of affixing the leaves to the Giving tree. Chair Janie Byland feels the old fertilizer has been spread even though the new fertilizer was just delivered last week. The palms by the East Park tennis courts need to be straightened. For a total of 5 trees.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

Special note from Clerk: Previous minutes stating total of 6 trees was accurate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mike Tracy went over the new report. Under Beautification not much has been spent yet. The holiday supplies and labor is showing as \$2,000. There is another \$2,000 under Public Works for Beautification. Insurance is \$2,500. General discussion on the report. Beautification has spent some money. Casey's Landscaping \$4,000. Gonzales Landscaping \$3,000 and the Causeway sign. The money that has been spent has mostly come from donations. Fishing & Boating donated \$7,000. Virginia Dillon donated money. The Giving Tree leaf donations are \$1-\$499 silver; \$500-\$999 bronze; \$1,000 and above gold. Thank you to Rob Dumas and his daughter, McKenzie for putting the Giving Tree leaves on. They did a nice job. Chair Janie Byland would like to continue to volunteer Rob and his daughter for the project of affixing the leaves to the Giving Tree since he is able to that on his own time.

GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES: Chair Janie Byland did the pruning and weeding at the Areca hedge. Thank you to Public Works for cleaning up the debris. They did a really nice job cleaning up. At the Tiki Hut Chair Janie Byland bought \$27 worth of new plants. Sande and Charlie Neiditz's donated bromeliads. Chair Janie Byland thanked the Neiditz's for the donation.

Chair Janie Byland bought 5 new ornamental pineapple plants for \$25 from The Garden Club for the Center Island Garden.

Chair Janie Byland has a request for \$1,200 for planting behind the Post Office. It was voted on but she didn't get to it this summer with it being so hot. She would like to do that but is reluctant since the building may be coming down. She would like it cleaned it up for Christmas. She would like to have Public Works chemically weed the garden. The \$1,200 would come out of budgeted money. The mulch will be a big part of the cost.

MOTION: Motion made by Mike Tracy, seconded by Greg Burke for \$1,200 for the cleanup and plantings behind the Post Office.

ON THE MOTION: Unanimous approval.

City wide mulching and fertilization has been completed and paid for out of City funds in the amount of \$3,200.

Chair Janie Byland would prefer Gonzales do the straightening of the palm trees and refresh the landscaping on the Circle K side. She has asked Gonzales to not trim the variegated trinette. She and Louie are going to meet and discuss what she would like to have done. She has also asked the City to remove the palm tree debris at the Circle K right of way.

NEW BUSINESS: The What's Your Hurry Parkway project is underway. The money for the project will come out of infrastructure/impact fees with an estimated cost of \$12,070. Chair Janie Byland has the quote for the 2 and 3 mound design. Public works has already spent approximately \$1,000 out of last years budget. Some money will need to come out for the renting of the ditch witch of about \$400-600. The new benches were bought last year. They have been paid for. They are to be installed at the What's Your Hurry Parkway.

City of Key Colony Beach sign is looking very nice. Key West Woodworks have one completed that is carved. Greg Burke has a picture he is passing around. A box will need to be built to hold the signs once they are ready for placement. (Something curved to shed the water). Chris will check with Gerard to see if the box itself needs to be built to storm code. The signs themselves will be on French cleats. They can be easily removed in case of a storm. Chris will check on solar lights that are bright enough. The signs will need to be picked up once they are completed, possibly mid December or after the New Year. The City will make arrangements to get the signs here safely.

The landscaping at Sunset Park restrooms will be discussed with Louie. Chris has seen several different plans. Chair Janie Byland is guessing the cost between \$4,000-5,000. She will get a quote from Louie. If it exceeds \$2,500 it will need to go to the Commission. This will be coming out of Giving Tree donations with a little sign of recognition.

Motion: Motion made by Mike Tracy, second by Greg Burke to use the money from The Giving Tree, not to exceed the amount of \$4,500, for the landscaping at Sunset Park Restrooms.

ON THE MOTION: All approved

The starfish banners have been sorted for reglittering and repairing. Greg and Chair Janie Byland have worked on putting new rope lighting on 2 of the starfish. Thirteen will have to be repaired this year and the other half next year, which will be in the budget. Thirteen will have to be repaired this year. 2 were broken and 11 are in need of reglittering. Mr. Brandano picked them up in October and will be returned by November 15, 2019. The estimated cost is \$1,100 plus the cost of repairing the two broken ones. Mr. Brandano has not received any money as of this time. Anything over \$4,000 will have to come out of the Giving Tree.

Chair Janie Byland is going to The Christmas Palace on Saturday to purchase Christmas decorations & pre-lit garland for the Police trailer and for City Hall. The Police trailer will need 7 strands of pre-lit garland and City Hall will need 6.

General discussion on the decorations and placement of them. The money would come out of the Christmas budget, regular general fund.

MOTION: Motion made by Sandy Bachman. Second by Mike Tracy to spend up to \$2,000 for Christmas decorations.

ON THE MOTION: All approved.

Donation letters have gone out in the sewer bills in the past requesting donations for the Giving Tree. Mike from Marathon Shores would be good at fundraising if you like to go with that option.

General Discussion on when to send out the letters, e-mail blast, or website.

Sandy Bachman and the beautification committee is going to skip Cabana Club this time around, with Mike Tracy's approval, since they have had to have some work done before season. They are going to put Greg's duplex, the salmon colored house on 4th Street and Cabana Club on the ballot for the next Beatification committee yard of the month.

The retention pond needs to be addressed. Greg Burke suggests extra holes drilled for the drainage. It's an FDE approved site. It's part of a regulatory oversight so we cannot drill any holes without it being engineered.

Officers that are terming out at the end of 2020 are Rob Dumas, Chair Janie Byland, and David McKeehan. Chair Janie Byland will continue to serve as Chair with a 5-0 vote. Mike Tracy will continue to serve as Treasurer/Secretary with a 5-0 vote.

MOTION: To adjourn made by Greg Burke, seconded by Rob Dumas

ON THE MOTION: All approved

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

Meeting adjourned 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Scheel
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