

# MINUTES

Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee

July 13, 2021

Marble Hall

**Call to order and Roll Call:** The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 9:03 am by Chair Greg Burke. Members present: Kimmeron Lisle, Rob Dumas, Sandy Bachman. Excused: Dave McKeehan Public Present: Mary O'Neill, also present, Public Works Supervisor Mike Guarino, City Administrator Dave Turner, and Administrative Assistant Christine Burri, Mike and Sara Tracy will no longer be on the beautification board.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** NONE

## **GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES:**

**Condition of main entrance gardens:** Chair Greg Burke suggest contacting Gonzalez about fixing the hedge, replacement of 6-8 plants to complete the hedge with new plantings, green and white shefflera's. Chair Greg also mentioned, would like the wood painted, either blue or black on the bottom legs of the entrance sign.

**Bridge on Sadowski:** City Administrator, Dave Turner asked the committee what is happening around the Sadowski bridge, Chair Greg said used to have bromeliads and boulders there, he stated now it's mainly used as a car parking lot. City Administrator Dave Turner would like to see the parking lot go away and put the boulders and bromeliads back to "Boulder Garden". Chair Greg Burke said he never pursued it because there was bridge work going on. Dave Turner said, he would like to start that project ASAP, spalling work is all left to do. People are fishing/standing on the main water/sewer line and throwing garbage in the water. Dave will contact Gonzalez to make that happen. Dave also mentioned that Coral Lane has temporary barriers now, making the quality of life in that neighborhood better. Boaters will now have to go to the highway now to enter KCB, Dave said he will dress that area up with city money not beautifications budget. Beauts to add that area to the beauts gardens book.

**Selection of Seahorse color:** Chair Greg Burke asking the committee to vote on color for Seahorse, Star is gold, Manatee is a couple different colors, all the decorations will be white lights. Card with a selection of different colors passed around and the final color for all the seahorses will be Brilliant Royal Blue. Total cost from Brandano is \$26,700.00 for this years Christmas decorations.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Kimmeron Lisle all seahorses will be color Brilliant Royal Blue 15P, Second by Rob Dumas.

**ON THE MOTION:** Unanimous approval.

**Balance of Christmas decorations and trim:** Committee member Kimmeron Lisle stated new white lights that light up the palms along the street need to be replaced. Kimmeron Lisle will look into the cost, will let committee know AT next meeting. Chair Greg Burke, asking if we could use power from the Tiki to coconut pathway to light 20 palms, would have to hire an electrical contractor to add electrical boxes for the lights. Chair Greg said the committee has

\$9,000.00 left for lights, bows, wreaths and trim. City Administrator Dave Turner suggested outlet boxes for each tree or an extension cord with water proof boxes for each tree to be made. Can be costly. Lights will be battery operated to save money and will be the easiest and cheapest. Kimmeron Lisle looking at new wreaths, and new lights to last longer than the older ones, will look into the PVC type. Lights on the wreath are still on the wreaths, party date to be announced later to remove those lights from the wreaths. Kimmeron Lisle also mentioned the Christmas trees for the gazebo are not in good shape. Kimmeron Lisle to price the outdoor trees, not pre-light will let the committee know at next meeting. Sandy Bachman mentioned Sunset Park Christmas decorations for this year. Will do low lighting, red or blue lights, like last year.

**City Wide Garden Maintenance:**

Greg Burke suggest 4 concrete poles on the lot, that would be nice to decorate, two have power and two do not, the one on West Ocean has a power cord hanging from Mike G will check it out. Mike and Greg will get together talk about the number of brackets needed for Brandano.

**FFL Presentation:** Introduced Claire Lewis Landscape Architect from Friendly Florida Landscaping, doing a tour of the entrance gardens and Key Colony Beach areas to give some ideas on plantings to use, Florida friendly. Michele Leonard-Mularz, UF/IFAS Extension Monroe County Environmental Horticulture Agent from Key West will do a presentation via zoom, August or September will look into dates and let committee know, if they would like to participate.

**Selection of Beautification Award:** Sandy Bachman, presented pictures for nomination of Beautification Award : 251 4<sup>th</sup> St., 241 4<sup>th</sup> St., 420 10<sup>th</sup> St., 801 11<sup>th</sup> St., and 1210 Coury. The winner is 801 11<sup>th</sup> St., Sandy to contact the owners about the award, will take a picture and post on the beautification page.

**Next Meeting: August 10th, 2021 @ 10 A.M.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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