

# MINUTES

## **Beautification Committee**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 – 9:34 a.m.

Marble Hall

**1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:** The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair Greg Burke. **Members present:** Chair Greg Burke, Kimmeron Lisle, David McKeegan, Pam Geronemus, Sandy Bachman (late). **Absent:** Rob Dumas. **Also Present:** City Administrator Dave Turner, City Clerk Silvia Gransee, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino. **Guests:** Susan Morris, Mary McKenney, Toni Appell, Mary Kohl.

**2. Agenda Changes/Deletions/Additions:**

**MOTION:** Motion made by David McKeegan, seconded by Kimmeron Lisle, to add the item 'Anderson Memorial Discussion' to the Agenda.

**ON THE MOTION:** Unanimous approval.

**3. SWEARING IN OF NEW OR REAPPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS BY THE CITY CLERK:** City Clerk Gransee administered the Oath of Office to Chair Burke, Member Pam Geronemus, and Member David McKeegan.

**4. INTRODUCTION of GUESTS:** City Clerk Gransee introduced the guests attending the Beautification Meeting.

**5. MINUTES:** Approval of Beautification Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2021

**MOTION:** Motion made by Kimmeron Lisle, seconded by Pam Geronemus, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021, Beautification Meeting, with changes.

**DISCUSSION:** Kimmeron Lisle will submit the missing information on the Beautification Award to City Clerk Gransee.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Sandy Bachman - Please see item 7 E.

**7. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES**

A. Dave McKeegan reported on the Lignum Vitae transplanting process. The completion of the root trimming will take between one to two months. Upon completion Public Works will assist with the transplanting of the plant. Committee Member McKeegan further reported that there are additional plants and trees the Beautification Committee is looking for transplanting. City Administrator Turner suggested several locations within the City where plants and trees can be transplanted to, specifically the spot by the Causeway Bridge, in addition to three locations by the Golf Course where netting has been installed; 8<sup>th</sup> Street at the end, 7<sup>th</sup> street, and next to the Pro Shop. David McKeegan further suggested the location by East Play Park as a possibility. The Committee further discussed the different areas within

*the city for replanting of plants and trees. Kimmeron Lisle asked about the timeframe for demolition. Dave Turner explained that the timeline is very fluid, and that the Committee can start at will to move the plants. Committee Member Dave McKeehan explained that he has planned work parties for all projects. The first work party will be on February 26<sup>th</sup>. City Administrator Dave Turner explained the process of the upcoming weeks leading up to the demolition of the old City Hall Building. The drawings should be ready in 2-3 weeks, will go out to bid and to the State for approval. The City Administrator stated that the Committee should not hesitate to take any plants they want to save before demolition takes place. Sandy Bachman reported that the Golf Course looks beautiful, as well as the Pro Shop looks. Pam Geronemus asked the question on Iguana control. City Administrator reported that a support of residents is needed as well as the approval of the Commission to approve the hiring of an Iguana Control Service. The Committee further discussed the problems the Iguanas pose. City Administrator Turner stated that if the Committee requests, he will bring it before Commission on March 10, 2022.*

*B. Invasive Plants: Chair Greg Burke reported on the problem of invasive plants within the City and that it has not been resolved yet. City Administrator Turner explained that Public Works has a full schedule until June and will keep the item on the Public Works Agenda for the future. Chair Burke asked if there were options of removing invasive plants from the Buttonwoods during regular trimming. Public Works Department Head Guarino explained is not an easy thing to do and would take a lot of time. Chair Burke stated that the problem of the invasive plants will only get bigger with time and will have to get addressed sooner or later.*

*C. Palms lost in Irma – Chair Burke reported on the palm trees that were lost during Hurricane Irma, mainly on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelter Bay, and part of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Chair Burke reported that roughly 20 trees are gone around Shelter Bay and the Golf Course. City Administrator Turner stated that no planting will take place until at least June. The DEP is waiting on the result of the percolation test. If the percolation test passes with the South Florida Water Management District, the Utility Board will go over different possibilities for the area. One suggestion was a bird sanctuary or some other buffering. The Committee further discussed the process of improving the area, timelines, and waiting on approval from the DEP and the SFWD. Guest Mary McKenney, Owner of 661 8<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that she attended the Utility Board Meeting and that the Board is aware of the issue at hand.*

*D. Gardens of Key Colony Beach: Photographic Review – Dave McKeehan handed out pictures of the different gardens in Key Colony Beach. The Committee discussed fertilizer for plants that keeps iguanas away, as well as the need for cutting the bougainvillea by the entrance sign and the need for new mulch. Committee Member McKeehan reported on the mounds and the need for maybe 50 bags of mulch to refresh the mounds. The suggested date for the work party is March 19, 8am-12pm. The “What’s Your Hurry Garden” needs mulch and bromeliads. Suggested date 3/26 with Sandy as the lead. The Committee further discussed the different options on planting around the sign. City Administrator Turner suggested that there are different plants behind the police trailer that the Committee can use. Turner stated that he would like the palm tree used in the new City Hall Building or a fountain. Greg Burke raised the question on moving the palm tree. The Committee further discussed what plants can be removed and saved. City Administrator Turner stated the Committee can remove plants at their will. The Memorial Garden needs some trimming and some mulch. Turner stated that*

*the Memorial Garden will be fenced off and not touched during the demolition. The projected work party is planned for 4/2 under Mary Kohl's lead. East Play Park Garden looks good but lost one tree. It needs a replacement tree and 15 bags of mulch. In addition, a bench needs to be repaired or replaced, which was directed towards Public Works. City Administrator Turner suggested a Memorial Bench as a replacement. City Hall Park is in good shape and the Committee wants to save as many plants as possible. The Orchid Garden is in good condition. Greg Burke reported that he moved some orchids to the palm trees and that the iguanas are eating some of them. City Administrator Turner agreed that the Iguanas are an invasive species, and they can be removed humanly. Dave Turner reported that there is a pad where a Swing set used to be and that he would like to use the pad for maybe a bench or something in like. The Barrier Garden work party is scheduled for 5/14. City Administrator Dave Turner suggested that he will give a tour after the meeting on where the fencing will go. The Gazebo Garden look good. Sunset Park looks good and needs some mulch. The Work party is scheduled for 5/28 with about 15 bags of mulch. The Areca Hedge on 7<sup>th</sup> Street needs 2 pallets of mulch with a work party scheduled for 5/7. The work party will be coordinated with the Recreation Committee. Dave McKeehan reported that the Committee has planned about a dozen work parties for this season. The Bocce Ball courts look good. The Coconut Path looks good with a work party proposed for 5/21 with some mulch. The Tike Hut Garden needs some mulch, weeding, and trimming, with a proposed work party of 4/9. Jamie's Walk includes the Lignum Vitae Tree and is an ongoing project. City Administrator Turner stated that the Committee can move any plants at will and they do not need to ask for permission prior unless they need assistance from the Public Works Department. The Boulder Garden on Sadowski Causeway turned out great. Dave McKeehan said that they owe gratitude to City Administrator Dave Turner for it. City Administrator Turner added that they can use plants between the gas stations as well. Dave Burke stated that they will add it to their garden list. The Committee further thanked Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino and City Administrator Dave Turner on the improvements that they did. The Committee discussed possible names for the new garden area. Kimmeron Lisle is in the lead for the Circle K Garden with no work party scheduled at this point. Greg Burke pointed out the invasive plants are in that area. The Committee further discussed different options of removing the invasives around that area. Dave McKeehan suggested having a work party to mark the invasive plants and treat them. A work party is tentatively scheduled for 3/19. Greg Burke addressed the question on who is doing the landscaping for the City. City Administrator Turner explained that it is Brightview now.*

*E. Proposed Mulch Parties for February-April – Dave McKeehan passed out a work party schedule. All work parties will be on Saturdays from 8am-12pm. Dave McKeehan said if there are no objections, he will finalize the schedule. Kimmeron Lisle asked if the work parties can be posted on Facebook which City Administrator Dave Turner agreed upon. Kimmeron Lisle mentioned that they have received positive feedback on Facebook. Dave McKeehan pointed out that the Beautification Committee will provide tools, equipment, mulch, ant killer, but Volunteers have to bring their own safety gear. Sandy Bachman discussed with Dave Turner the Beautification Budget, Giving Tree budget, Christmas decorations, and the cycle of the budget. Dave Turner further clarified the budget to the Committee. Dave McKeehan suggested that the Committee agree on purchasing 8 pallets of mulch from Home Depot.*

**MOTION:** Motion made by Dave McKeehan, seconded by Greg Burke, to approve \$2,660.54 for the purchase of mulch, plants, and landscaping materials.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

*The Committee further discussed the usage of the money and purchase of materials.*

*F. Golf Course Support Pre-Tournament – Dave McKeehan reported on the proposal for mulching the golf course. Dave McKeehan reported that technically the golf course does not fall under the Beautification Committee. However, they have supported the Golf Course over the last 3 to 4 years. A work party is being held March 5<sup>th</sup> and Dave McKeehan would like to dedicate 2 pallets of mulch for the Golf Course Work Party. The Public Works Department will help the Committee distribute the bags where they are needed. The Committee will further ask other committees for volunteers for support. Sandy Bachman asked about the bridge which Dave McKeehan explained is “Wayne’s Hammock” which is technically not part of the Beautification Committee.*

*G. Search for Volunteers: Proposed Notice Invitation - Dave McKeehan reported that he would like to use Facebook to search for volunteers for projects. Kimmeron Lisle stated that Facebook posts should be short and include ‘Calls for Action’. Dave Turner stated the Kimmeron Lisle is an authorized user for Facebook and does not need prior approval for posts. Kimmeron Lisle will work with Dave McKeehan on the item.*

*H. Hot Dogs at the Hut Options – Dave McKeehan reported that the Committee would like to hold a downsized ‘Hot Dog at The Hut’ event in April after the Omicron Virus has laid down. Dave McKeehan suggested that the event could be of smaller nature with only Committee members, friends, and volunteers. In past years the event has raised lots of money to support the Beautification Committee. Dave McKeehan suggested April 9<sup>th</sup> as the suggested date for the event. City Administrator requested that the Committee send a request via email to reserve The Hut for the event.*

*I & J. Update on FFL Landscape Design City Hall – Kimmeron Lisle reported that she is planning on continuing the Florida Friendly Landscaping educational program. Dave Turner reported that FFL has chosen Key Colony Beach as a model town and will design all drawings free of cost. The proposed garden will include name plates in front of plants to identify and educate on care. The City of Key Colony Beach will be the first city in Florida to be designed by Florida Friendly Landscaping. Kimmeron Lisle expressed the importance of the continuing education for residents on Florida friendly plants. City Administrator Turner stated that once the planning will go to the next level the Beautification Committee will be notified. Resident Mary Kohl, Owner of 1001 W. Ocean Drive, asked if the Memorial Garden will be touched during construction. City Administrator Turner stated that the Memorial Garden is not included in the demolition area and will be protected by a fence. The Committee and City Administrator further agreed upon being actively involved with the City Hall Project and Florida Friendly Landscaping.*

*K. Candlelight Vigil for the Anderson Family – Dave McKeehan stated that he would like to have a candlelight vigil for the Anderson Family to honor their history in the City of Key Colony Beach as well as a Military Member. Resident Mary Kohl stated that the memorial could be*

held at Memorial Weekend. The family is a Gold Star Family and there is a lot of interest by other groups to make it a more formal memorial and it would keep with Military Tradition. The original ceremony was held on 1996 Memorial Day Weekend and was a significant event. The Anderson children were the first to be raised and one of them born in Key Colony Beach. The Family was very involved in the City. Mary Kohl suggested that the Memorial could be held at the completion of City Hall. Greg Burke stated that he suggests this Memorial Day as a memorial date. The Commission further discussed the different options on holding the memorial. Mary Kohl stated that the families main concern was that the Memorial would still be there at the new City Hall. Dave Turner suggested that a re-dedication ceremony can be done on the day of the reopening of the new City Hall building Mary Kohl expressed her gratitude.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Dave McKeehan, seconded by Greg Burke, for the re-dedication of the Anderson Memorial to be included in the ribbon cutting of the new City Hall.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

Mary Kohl to volunteer with the re-dedication ceremony.

#### **8. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL**

Sandy Bachman presented nominees for the March and April Beautification Awards. The nominees were:

1058 Ocean

101 11<sup>th</sup> Street

180 11<sup>th</sup> Street

561 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Continental Inn

948 Ocean

501 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Kimmeron Lisle asked for the Continental Inn to be removed from the nominees. The Committee discussed who should be awarded the award for March and April.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Sandy Bachman, seconded by Pam Geronemus, to award 948 Ocean and 101 11<sup>th</sup> Street for the March and April Beautification Awards.

**ON THE MOTION:** Roll call vote. Unanimous approval.

Tony Appel, Owner – 200 8<sup>th</sup> Street stated that the work party scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> might interfere with the setting up for Key Colony Beach Day. Dave McKeehan agreed to change the work party to Friday, March 4. Dave McKeehan stated that he will update the work party calendar accordingly. Tony Appell further stated one of the homes on 13<sup>th</sup> Street will be part of the Butterfly Garden Tour on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm and that some traffic can be accepted.

Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino asked about storage of the old Christmas decorations. The Committee agreed that the old decorations can be thrown out. City Administrator Turner will check if they can be given away since it is government property. Kimmeron Lisle voiced her concern on residents getting hurt by the decorations if not used

*properly. Kimmeron Lisle asked about the storage of the new Christmas wreath, which Mike Guarino replied they are stored in trash cans and are secure. Mike further asked about the three groups of Christmas palms by City Hall and if the Committee has any replacement plants they would like to plant there.*

*Greg Burke brought up the question that all property in Key Colony have to have a certain amount of Greenery. City Administrator Turner requested for Greg Burke to send him the section of the charter pertaining to that ordinance so it can be forwarded to the City Attorney for review.*

**9. NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2022 - 10:00am**

**10. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Gransee  
City Clerk*

**Adopted: March 8, 2022  
Sylvia Gransee  
City Clerk**