

MINUTES

Beautification Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Marble Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL: The regular meeting of the Beautification Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Greg Burke. **Members present:** Chair Greg Burke, Kimmeron Lisle, David McKeehan, Pam Geronemus **Absent:** Rob Dumas, Sandy Bachman. **Also Present:** City Administrator Dave Turner, City Clerk Silvia Gransee, Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino.

2. INTRODUCTION of GUESTS: None.

3. MINUTES: Approval of Beautification Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2022.

MOTION: Motion made by David McKeehan, seconded by Greg Burke, to approve the minutes as written.

ON THE MOTION: Accepted as written.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT: Sandy Bachman was not in attendance to present the Treasurer’s Report. Kimmeron Lisle gave an update on the Giving Tree Report.

5. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES

A. Dave McKeehan reported on the Beautification work parties and handed out an updated schedule. The KCB Entrance Garden and Circle K Garden were completed with a good turnout of volunteers. Dave McKeehan reported that 40 bags of mulch were used and lots of invasive plants were removed. Some replacement plants at the Circle K hedge are needed. David McKeehan thanked Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino and his crew for picking up the debris afterwards. The Golf Course work party was completed last Friday. Volunteers used 150 bags in one hour and 15 minutes. Dave McKeehan reported that many volunteers showed up for the work party, including members from the Fishing & Boating Club, Golf Club, Beautification Committee, and passersby as well. David McKeehan further reported on receiving an email from a resident asking to be a Committee volunteer. Chair Greg Burke completed the transplanting of bromeliads at the “What’s Your Hurry” garden. Greg Burke asked if the City could buy a hose to help with watering of the plants or if some used hoses could be found. Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino responded that Public Works has hoses available. Chair Greg Burke further reported that the invasive plants first must be removed before Florida Friendly Landscaping will get involved. David McKeehan also clarified that the water used will be city water which is also metered. City Administrator Dave Turner asked that the meter will be watched to prevent high water usage. Kimmeron Lisle also stated that she used to have a hose available in prior years for watering the trees. The Committee further discussed the issue of watering at this location.

David McKeehan further reported on the Mound work party scheduled for next week. David McKeehan reported that the mounds are in good condition and might need some trimming

next year. Kimmeron Lisle mentioned that Gonzalez Landscaping used to do that. City Administrator Dave Turner confirmed that Gonzalez Landscaping is now Brightview. Chair Greg Burke asked City Administrator Turner if he can check with Brightview if the fertilizing has been completed. City Administrator Dave Turner confirmed that he will check with Brightview.

B. David McKeegan reported on the "Hot Dogs in The Hut" event which is scheduled for April 2nd, 2022. David McKeegan further reported that there will be no entertainment at this point as the agreement with the entertainers Rick & Dana did not work out. David McKeegan reported that he will look at the idea of smaller entertainment such as Van Bertie, a steel drummer out of Key West. The location of the event is still at The Hut. Chair Greg Burke reported that the last 'Hot Dogs in the Park' raised about \$2,100.00. David McKeegan pointed out the importance of PR for the event. David McKeegan further reported Kimmeron Lisle has raised most of the fundraising money two years ago. David McKeegan stated that this event is an important fundraiser for the Beautification Committee as the money goes directly into the Giving Tree Fund. David McKeegan further stated that this event is late in the season compared to previous years which means less people attending. Kimmeron Lisle asked if David McKeegan is okay with haven a 50/50 raffle which Dave McKeegan agreed upon. The Committee further discussed the different options available for entertainment.

C. Dave McKeegan updated on the Lignum Vitae transplanting process. David McKeegan reported on cap rock around the tree. The tree itself shows some yellowing but also some new growth. He further reported that maybe in a month the tree can be moved. There are additional expensive plants that could be moved. David McKeegan asked if the city would be interested in asking if a landscape contractor would be interested in harvesting the plants in exchange for payment. City Administrator Turner stated that the Landscaping Company did look into this however less expensive plants are available on the mainland. City Administrator Turner further stated that the Observation Deck still must be completed which is also dependent on grant money. The Committee and City Administrator further discussed different plants available for moving, specifically the palm behind the police trailer. Chair Greg Burke stated that the cheapest way to move the palm is to hand-dig it and then to lift it the same day. City Administrator replied that the landscaper will give a quote for moving the tree. City Administrator Dave Turner further recommended that the Committee should go ahead with the transplanting of any plants of their choosing.

6. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Committee continued to talk about moving the palm tree behind the police trailer. Greg Burke asked if dirt can be used to fill in cap rock on the golf course. He would just need help getting it moved to the Golf Course and would spread it himself.

Dave McKeegan stated that 'The Gardens of Key Colony Beach' have been updated with No. 20: The East Entrance Garden. David McKeegan stated that he would like some directions from the City for planting. City Administrator Turner replied that the right-away for the City is 25' from the center and there is no water available. David McKeegan stated that the Beautification Committee will consider improvements and will submit sketches at the next meeting. The Committee and City Administrator further discussed possible improvements on the new garden. Kimmeron Lisle further thanked David McKeegan for his organization and everything he does. City Administrator Dave Turner stated the City's appreciation as well.

7. Beautification Award: *Kimmeron Lisle reported that Sandy Bachman recommended 948 W. Ocean Drive, Owners Frank & Roslie Tricarico along with Rosie the dog for this month Beautification award. The award presentation is set for next Wednesday afternoon.*

MOTION: *Motion made by Kimmeron Lisle, seconded by Greg Burke, to award 948 W. Ocean Drive with this month Beautification award.*

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

The award presentation will be March 9 at 3p.m. Kimmeron Lisle stated that it would be nice to have a City Official present as well. City Administrator Dave Turner asked to be included on email invitations to be informed as well as the mayor.

David McKeehan asked for coordination for 'Hot Dogs in The Hut' between the Committee and stated for Committee members to be on the lookout for emails. The event is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Kimmeron Lisle will bring her tent. City Administrator Dave Turner confirmed with David McKeehan that beer is allowed at the event.

8. NEXT MEETING: *Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.*

9. *The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Silvia Gransee
City Clerk

Adopted: April 11, 2022
Silvia Gransee
City Clerk