

MINUTES

Beautification Committee

Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 – 10:00 am
Marble Hall, 600 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, Florida &
via Zoom Conferencing.

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLLCALL:** The Key Colony Beach Beautification Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Bachman at 10:00 AM. **Present:** Chair Sandy Bachman, Vice-Chair Pam Geronemus, Sandra Glassman, Dave McKeehan, Robert Michon. **Also present:** City Administrator John Bartus, Administrative Assistant Par Darnall, City Clerk Silvia Roussin.

2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR DELETIONS**

City Clerk Roussin requested to add the Purple Glory picture to the agenda for consideration of a planting near the 'What's-your-Hurry' sign, as well as to recommend reinstating Jo Corso to the Beautification Committee.

Chair Bachman requested the addition under Item 8c for the discussion on a proposal to consolidate the Beautification and Recreation Committee.

Sandra Glassman asked for the addition of 271 2nd Street to be added as a Nomination for the October Beautification Award.

There were no more additions, and Chair Bachman called for a motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Chair Geronemus to approve the agenda with changes. Sandra Glassman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. September 9th, 2025

There were no changes to the Minutes, and Chair Bachman asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Sandra Glassman to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Geronemus seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

6. **BUDGET UPDATE**

- a. October Budget Report
- b. October Giving Tree Report

Dave McKeehan reported on a new fiscal year and available funds. He stated that there were no expenditures in the current fiscal year and reminded everyone about allocations from the previous month through Giving Tree funds, noting that they are waiting on invoices.

7. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES

a. State of All Gardens

1. **Coconut Path, Butterfly Garden & Parking Lot** – Chair Bachman informed that the gardens look good and that some maintenance is needed in the following months.
2. **1st Street & Sunset Park** – The Committee discussed ongoing improvements made at Sunset Park for pavers and the BBQ area. Sandra Glassman suggested the addition of trees at the northern end of 1st Street Park. Chair Bachman confirmed the suggestion to be added to the improvement list. Sandra Glassman confirmed adding 7th Street Park to her monthly reporting.
3. **7th/8th Street & Detention Pond** – Dave McKeehan provided a summary report on the progress of the Detention Pond and discussed water level concerns, recommending delaying planting lower plants. Dave McKeehan elaborated on the types of plantings that can currently be undertaken. Chair Bachman added information about trees that are currently being planted, considering possible yard debris on the tennis courts. Dave McKeehan commended Chair Bachman for her work on the pond. The Committee discussed the need for additional irrigation until the plants are established, current rainfall, anticipated watering needs, survivability over the next year, and maintenance requirements. Further discussion focused on the types of plants needed.
4. **Waterfront Garden** – Chair Bachman mentioned waiting to work on the garden until construction on City Hall is complete, and confirmed coordinating with Public Works on transplanting the Desert Rose plant. Chair Bachman also suggested observing the wooden walkway by the Waterfront Garden and Coconut Path, as it might need board replacement within the next couple of years.
5. **Front Gardens/Boulder** – Vice-Chair Geronemus reported that the newly planted Vinkas are thriving, as is the garden near Circle K. Vice-Chair Geronemus requested planting the Purple Glory tree and explained that it is a hardy, heat-resistant tree with low water needs. The Committee agreed to revisit the suggestion at the next meeting, including details on price and purchasing options. Dave McKeehan mentioned the possibility of surplus plants from the Detention Pond and using leftover plants for planting. Chair Bachman asked Vice-Chair Geronemus to add a small garden with bromeliads on the Sadowski Causeway on the east side of the bridge to her monthly report.
6. **Tiki & City Hall Garden** – Chair Bachman reported on one of the Palm Trees dying by the Post Office, and to coordinate with Public Works Department Head Guarino on removal and replacement. Chair Bachman asked for Committee input on placing bamboo skirts around the Palm Trees.

MOTION: Motion made by Chair Bachman to place bamboo skirts around the Palm Trees. Sandra Glassman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed the type of bamboo for placement around the trees.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Chair Bachman also reported on the ground cover planted in the Orchid Garden and the orchids thriving there. Chair Bachman observed holes in the ground near the Tiki Hut, and the City Administrator confirmed to contact Iguana Control for assistance.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

a. Discussion/Recommendation for Approval of a priority list for City Improvement Projects

Dave McKeehan provided his recommended priority list, which included pond improvements, golf carts, mini libraries, lighting for the Sadowski Bridge, additional paved paths, golf course enhancements, palm tree upgrades, suggestions for developing a community center, and extra tennis and basketball courts. The Committee discussed and agreed on the following order for these improvements.

1. Attracting Birds by the Detention Pond/Creation of an Ecosystem
2. Orchids
3. Landscaping for three trees
4. Golf Course Clubhouse landscaping
5. Lighting on Sadowski Bridge
6. Walkway/Pavers on detention pond – deferred; time to develop
7. Plantings by the tennis/basketball court- deferred until basketball is completed
8. Mini Library – deferred until completion of Marble Hall

Further discussion followed on libraries in City Parks, and Sandra Glassman confirmed to spearhead the suggestion.

Robert Michon spoke about the need for more volunteers and the possibility of planning suggested projects throughout the year. Dave McKeehan agreed with Robert Michon and mentioned tentatively scheduling the annual 'Hot Dogs in The Hut' event for February 21st, which also serves as an important Beautification Committee recruiting event. Chair Bachman asked for a motion to approve the date of the event.

MOTION: Motion made by Dave McKeehan to approve February 21st, 2026, as the annual Hot-Dogs-in-The-Hut event. Chair Bachman seconded the motion. City Clerk Roussin confirmed to check for conflicts.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Chair Bachman informed that a report would be provided to the Commission on Thursday. Further discussion followed on the need for volunteers, fostering involvement from the community, and the possible involvement of students in volunteering.

b. Discussion/Recommendation for Approval on Needs for the upcoming Holiday Season

Chair Bachman discussed the start of the holiday season and upcoming tasks. Vice-Chair Geronemus confirmed she would be the Holiday Lead. Discussion followed on decoration purchases, a decorating schedule for various parks, and the allocation of funds for holiday decorations.

MOTION: Motion made by Chair Bachman to approve the purchase of 2 48" lighted outdoor wreaths plus bows for \$1,100.00. Vice-Chair Geronemus seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Chair Bachman informed the company name.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

MOTION: Motion made by Chair Bachman to allocate \$1,000.00 for holiday decorations as needed. Sandra Glassman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed the possible need for additional expenditures before the next meeting and agreed on the ability to find a solution if necessary.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

c. Suggested Consolidation of the Recreation & Beautification Committee **Agenda Additions**

Chair Bachman responded to a Commissioner's suggestion to consolidate the Beautification and Recreation Committees, providing feedback to the Commission. She expressed opposition to the idea and elaborated on the different responsibilities of each Committee. The Committee discussed the advantages of remaining separate but collaborating on specific projects, ultimately reaching a consensus to stay apart.

d. Purple Glory Tree **Addendum See under 7a(5)**

e. Recommendation to reinstate Jo Corso to the Beautification Committee as an Alternate Member **Agenda Addition**

Motion: Motion made by Vice-Chair Geronemus to reinstate Jo Corso to the Beautification Committee as an alternate member. Sandra Glassman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Chair Bachman commented on the valuable addition to the Committee.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Chair Bachman discussed the need for an additional alternate, followed by a brief discussion on potential volunteers.

Robert Michon inquired about a draft for upcoming work parties and proposed holding them on weekdays instead of weekends. Dave McKeegan agreed to provide a draft at the next meeting. After discussion, the Committee decided to hold work parties on Wednesdays unless there are conflicts.

9. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

- a. 711 West Ocean Drive
- b. The Continental Inn
- c. 271 2nd Street **Agenda additions**

Chair Bachman introduced the nominations, with Sandra Glassman adding the nomination of 271 2nd Street.

MOTION: Motion made by Sandra Glassman to award the October Beautification Award to 271 2nd Street. Vice-Chair Geronemus seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Chair Bachman asked for the amendment to award 711 W. Ocean Drive the November Beautification Award. Sandra Glassman asked for the possibility of giving the December Award to the Continental Inn.

AMENDED MOTION: Motion made by Dave McKeegan to award the October Award to 271 2nd Street, the November Award to 711 W. Ocean Drive, and the December Award to The Continental Inn. Sandra Glassman seconded.

ON THE AMENDED MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

11. NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 10th, 2025, at 10:00 am.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

ADOPTED: November 10, 2025

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