

MINUTES

Beautification Committee

Tuesday, December 9th, 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 10:02 AM, followed by Rollcall. **Present:** Chair Sandy Bachman, Vice-Chair Pam Geronemus, Robert Michon. **Absent:** Dave McKeehan, 1st Alternate Jo Corso. **Also present:** Mayor Freddie Foster, City Administrator John Bartus, Building Official Tony Loreno, Administrative Assistant Par Darnall, City Clerk Silvia Roussin, Vice-Mayor Doug Colonell.

2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR DELETIONS:** Chair Bachman asked for any agenda additions or deletions. City Clerk Roussin announced the addition of the updated Work Party Schedule under Item 9c. Chair Bachman included under Item 9h. a discussion about a Fruit Tree Seminar. Robert Michon requested to add a comment under Discussion Items. There were no other changes, and Chair Bachman asked for a motion to approve.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Chair Geronemus to approve. Robert Michon seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Chair Bachman introduced Janie Byland as an attending guest.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Correspondence about preparations for the 250th Independence Day Celebration on July 4th, 2026.

City Clerk Roussin informed about correspondence received from Ms. Mary McFadden regarding preparations for next year's 4th of July Celebration.

Chair Bachman thanked the Committee for their hard work in holiday decorating, as well as May Kohl, the KCB Book Club, Sunset Park Singers, and residents, along with the Public Works Department, for all the help and effort provided during the city's holiday decorating initiatives.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. November 10th, 2025

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

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Chair Geronemus to approve the minutes. Robert Michon seconded the minutes.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Jo Corso joined the meeting.

6. **BUDGET UPDATE**

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

Chair Bachman gave the budget update and reported on expenditures and remaining funds.

7. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES

a. State of All Gardens

- 1.** Orchid Garden & Post Office – Jo Corso reported that the gardens are looking good.
- 2.** Parking Garden & 7th Street – Robert Michon noted that the bromeliads in the garden are being overtaken by an invasive plant and recommended removal. Janie Byland observed the invasive plant and agreed that removal is necessary. She also confirmed that she will oversee the Orchid Garden and the Post Office Tiki Garden for a couple of months.
- 3.** 1st Street Park and Sunset Park – Chair Bachman offered to take over Sunset Park following Sandra Glassman's resignation, and Vice-Chair Geronemus agreed to oversee 1st Street Park. Chair Bachman reported on prior discussions about replacing a tree at 1st Street Park and advised waiting until the Recreation Committee's planned projects are completed. Chair Bachman also commented on Sunset Park, noting it looks great thanks to the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, landscapers, and UB bricking.
- 4.** Palm Path & Detention Pond – Chair Bachman thanked Mayor Foster, Vice-Mayor Colonell, Dave McKeehan, and the Public Works Department for their work on the pond. Mayor Foster mentioned that the landscaping should be completed today.
- 5.** Front & Boulder Garden – Pam Geronemus mentioned that the Muhly Grass is thriving and informed to be planting cactus near the bridge.
- 6.** City Hall, Tiki & Waterfront Garden – Chair Bachman reported that the plants in front of the Post Office and the Waterfront Garden are doing well. Chair Bachman noted that the flower baskets are not thriving and suggested lowering them for better visual appeal. The Committee discussed the possibility of adding artificial flowers or Vincas to improve the baskets. Chair Bachman also proposed adding flower baskets to the bridge and requested a motion for \$800.00 to cover the cost of new plants for the baskets, planters for the bridge, soil, and plants.

MOTION: Motion made by Jo Corso to approve the expenditure. Robert Michon seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: The Committee discussed the watering of the plants and the hardiness of Vincas.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Chair Bachman commented on Mary Kohl taking care of the Memorial Garden and making sure it looks beautiful.

Vice-Mayor Colonell suggested adding the Golf Course Club House to the list and including additional gardens. Vice-Mayor Colonell announced that trees have been marked for transplanting, with Chair Bachman asking the Committee Members to identify more trees and plants that need to be moved. The Committee discussed potential tree replacements due to damage from Hurricane Irma, along with city needs and traffic safety considerations. Vice-Mayor Colonell also commented on the contractor's responsibilities for tree removal and noted that the work is still evolving.

8. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENT LIST

Chair Bachman informed the Committee about adding baskets to the lighting list for Sadowski Causeway and changing 'Landscaping for Three Trees' to Golf Course Landscaping. She further commented on Item 8, clarifying that it refers to the City Hall library. Chair Bachman asked Janie Byland to review the needs for additional orchids and to consider adding the Orchid Garden. Janie Byland shared some thoughts for the Committee to review regarding the cost and enjoyment of orchids. Chair Bachman also mentioned current member openings on the Committee, and suggested that Janie Byland join.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- a. Continued Discussion/Approval on Establishing 'Mini Libraries' throughout the City**

Chair Bachmann mentioned that former Member Sandra Glassman will continue to monitor progress with the Counties Literacy Association in obtaining Mini Libraries for the City. She suggested purchasing one box for Sunset Park in the meantime. Vice-Chair Geronemus agreed to look into this suggestion and to bring back for discussion at the next meeting.

- b. Continued Discussion/Approval for Purchasing a Purple Glory Tree**

Chair Bachman reported waiting for a request for quotes and to bring it back to the Committee at the next meeting.

- c. Continued Review of a Draft Work Party Schedule & Mulch Needs**

Chair Bachman discussed the updated schedule with Robert Michon, who provided input on ongoing coordination needs and concerns about having parties only on Wednesdays. The Committee considered the possibility of choosing alternative days for work parties to allow more volunteers to attend.

Robert Michon announced that he will step down from his position due to personal reasons but will remain a friend of the Committee and volunteer for work parties. Chair Bachman thanked Robert Michon for his work on the Committee.

- d. Continued Discussion on Organizing the 2026 Hot Dogs in The Hut Event on February 7th, 2025**

Chair Bachman reminded everyone about the new date for the event, which is now scheduled for February 7th, and informed that Dave McKeenan continues to organize it. Chair Bachman also mentioned that the Recreation Committee will assist with setup and offered to help with holiday decorations next year.

Robert Michon discussed the current status of the Eureka Color Garden and raised questions about growing grass in the area. The Committee debated whether to keep maintaining the garden or to allow the grass to take over, commenting on efforts, visibility, and the sustainability of the gardens.

Janie Byland stated that residents asked her to request the Committee not to add artificial flowers to the planters.

- e. Discussion/Review of Holiday Decorating Needs – Chair Bachman informed to send out a request to the Committee to remove tree ornaments after the new year, after having confirmed a date with Public Works Department Head Guarino. The Committee decided tentatively for Tuesday at 9:30 AM on January 6th to take down the holiday decorations and to follow up on the date with Public Works.**

- f. Continued Discussion on a replacement for a Tree on 1st Street Park – see under Item 7a (3)
- g. Continued Discussion on Transplanting of City Hall Plants – see under Item 7a (6)
- h. Fruit Tree Talk ****Agenda Addition**** Chair Bachman commented on a suggestion of holding a seminar on Fruit Trees, with many residents having fruit trees in their yard. Jo Corso stated to follow up on a possible date and speaker for the seminar.

10. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The Committee decided to have the Beautification Award Ceremony on Friday, December 12th, at 3:00 PM.

Vice-Mayor Colonell added comments on the need to relocate trees from the City Hall Garden and asked the Committee to develop a plan for where to transplant the trees and plants. The Committee discussed ways to identify the trees and the most efficient method to transplant them.

Chair Bachman asked the Committee to submit nominations for the upcoming beautification award.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Vice-Mayor Colonell informed of a possible volunteer with City Clerk Roussin, confirming to reach out to the candidate.

12. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 10:00 am.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

ADOPTED: January 13, 2026

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