

MINUTES

Beautification Committee

Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 – 10:00 AM

via Zoom Conferencing only

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLLCALL:** The Key Colony Beach Beautification Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Bachman at 10:00 AM, followed by Rollcall. **Present:** Chair Sandy Bachman, Vice-Chair Pam Geronemus, Dave McKeehan, Janice Mueller, 1st Alternate, Jo Corso. **Absent:** Janie Byland, 2nd Alternate Nancy Helme. **Also Present:** City Administrator John Bartus, City Clerk Silvia Roussin, Mayor Foster, Vice-Mayor Doug Colonell.

2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR DELETIONS:** Chair Bachman added a discussion on the 4th of July Celebration under Item 9b. There were no further changes, and Chair Bachman asked for a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

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

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Chair Bachman recognized Judy Durant, who was attending as a guest.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. April 14th, 2026

- b. May 12th, 2026

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

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Chair Geronemus to approve both meeting minutes. Dave McKeehan seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

6. **BUDGET UPDATE**

- a. May Budget Report

- b. May Giving Tree Report

Dave McKeehan presented the budget report, including expenditures and allocations for the month of May. He reported that the Committee remains within budget and currently reflects a surplus. Chair Bachman noted that funds previously allocated for detention pond repairs were declined by the Commission.

Chair Bachman reported that BrightView is reviewing the Kapok Garden project and expects the work to be completed within the next several months. She also advised that requests for Fourth of July decorations had been submitted and that the expenditures will be shown next month.

Dave McKeehan reported that there were no changes to the Giving Tree Fund. He also provided comments regarding the current fiscal year budget and anticipated budget requests for maintenance and future plantings.

Chair Bachman discussed the Committee's intention to enhance landscaping around the Public Works Building and the Basketball Court. She also noted that palm trees had been planted at Sunset Park at the request of Mayor Foster.

7. GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING UPDATES

a. State of All Gardens

1. ~~Kapok Garden~~ ~~Orchid Garden~~ & Coconut/Orchid Garden: Chair Bachman reported that Janie Byland advised the orchids are doing well. The Committee is awaiting additional plantings for the Kapok Garden and expects a project timeline from BrightView soon. Chair Bachman further reported that tropical milkweed has been planted. Chair Bachman presented the idea of installing a round picnic table at the end of the Coconut Path to provide a seating area overlooking the water. The Committee agreed to revisit the idea at a future meeting. Dave McKeehan reported that Janie Byland has completed substantial work in the garden and suggested that a suitable location for the proposed table may become available once remaining work is completed.
2. Tiki Garden by The Inn – Janice Mueller inquired about a delayed work party for the Tiki Garden. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to postpone scheduling the work party until the Fall. Chair Bachman reported that additional white flowers had been planted.
3. Post Office Tiki – Nancy Helme
4. Detention Pond & 7th Street Color Garden – Dave McKeehan reported that the detention pond is in good condition, with some improvements planned for completion during the fall season. Mayor Foster advised that the Public Works Department recently spent two days weeding the area and that dead plants are being replaced using remaining grant funds. He also reported that the pond is nearly full but is functioning properly without overflowing. Chair Bachman confirmed that the pond continues to maintain a stable water level. Additional discussion took place regarding birds and fish observed at the pond, which members considered a positive sign of the pond's health. Mayor Foster reported that pavers have been ordered for Shelter Bay and that installation is expected to begin within approximately two weeks.
5. Front & Boulder Garden, 1st Street Park – Vice-Chair Geronemus reported that the Muhly grass near the "What's Your Hurry" sign had been fertilized. She noted that some areas of the grass are struggling but anticipated improvement with upcoming rainfall. Vice-Chair Geronemus further reported that 1st Street Park is in good condition and suggested planting flowers around the flagpole in the fall. Chair Bachman discussed the Little Libraries and noted that Sally Cherry, a Recreation Committee member, has assumed responsibility for their maintenance and book rotation. Mayor Foster reported that he planned to discuss outstanding landscaping requests with Public Works Director Mike Guarino later that day and suggested reviewing remaining budget funds for possible expenditures.
6. City Hall, Parking, Waterfront Garden & Sunset Park- Chair Bachman reported that the repotted desert roses are doing well. She also advised that the planters along Sadowski Causeway are improving, although some plants have required replacement. Overall, the planters are in better condition than during the winter months. Chair Bachman stated that

additional red petunias will be ordered and that two more hanging baskets had been purchased.

7. Golf Course – Chair Bachman noted that the Beautification Committee is responsible for the landscaping along the 7th Street and 8th Street sidewalk area adjacent to the golf course. She reported a need for additional trees along 8th Street and advised that Golf Course Operator Daryl Rice suggested planting Royal Poinciana trees. Chair Bachman indicated that she would meet with Mr. Rice the following week to discuss landscaping improvements along the golf course walkway. Vice-Chair Geronemus commented that Royal Poinciana trees can be messy due to leaf and flower drop. Chair Bachman requested that members forward alternative tree suggestions to Mr. Rice.
8. **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENT LIST** - Chair Bachman reviewed the Committee Improvement List and discussed ongoing projects, including the expansion of improvements from the Orchid Garden to the Coconut Path and portions of Sunset Park. She reported that flowers along Sadowski Causeway are performing well and recommended removing the City Hall Little Library from the list, as that project has been completed.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- a. Discussion/Approval of Landscaping by the Public Works Building and Golf Warehouse

Chair Bachman reported that landscaping around the Public Works Building and Golf Warehouse will be included in the upcoming meeting with Daryl Rice regarding future plantings. She expressed hope that Public Works staff would have sufficient time to complete the project or that BrightView could assist if necessary. Vice-Chair Geronemus suggested planting gardenia bushes due to their fragrance. Chair Bachman expressed support for the suggestion.

- b. 4th of July Celebration **Agenda addition**

Chair Bachman reported that decorations for the Fourth of July celebration had been ordered, including patriotic bunting, American flags, and an entrance banner for the City.

10. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR UPCOMING BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None.

12. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, 10:00 AM – Mayor Foster informed the Committee that meetings would resume being held in person beginning in July. Committee members agreed that morning meeting times remain preferable.

13. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

ADOPTED: July 14, 2026

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