



BOCA WEST

MASTER ASSOCIATION

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING **Monday, February 15, 2021 1:00 P.M.**

Minutes

In attendance via teleconference: Elaine Wittlin, Don Janower, Jess DelVecchio, Robert Forman, and Alan London. Avron Fogelman, Steve Etter and Carol Laban were absent. Brad Baecht, Executive Director, and Lawson Turner, Director of Landscape and Maintenance were also in attendance.

Mrs. Wittlin called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and established a quorum. The January meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chairman's Overview

Mrs. Wittlin chaired the meeting in Mr. Fogelman's absence. She announced that this is the last meeting for the season and thanked everyone for their time and commitment. She asked if anyone is interested in volunteering for this Committee in the oncoming year to contact Mrs. Alyssa Martinez. To thank everyone for their service, everyone will receive a \$25 Club gift card.

Pending Matters/Projects

Mrs. Wittlin asked if Clusia was a good substitute for Ficus because of the Whitefly insect. Mr. Turner commented that it was being used more often by the villages (Island Court replaced all of their Ficus along Boca West Drive). The villages want them to grow large, however, keeping them at 6' may be difficult. Also because of the large leaf, it doesn't have the same tight look as Ficus.

Mrs. DelVecchio asked about the Ficus hedges around property that have thinned out and if that was that due to Whitefly. Mr. Turner advised that they treat them for the insect 3 times per year and therefore there has been no active Whitefly damage. It was his opinion that the damage is weather related due to the extreme temperature changes going from mid to upper eighties followed by consecutive days of cold weather. Some plants like Ficus can react to the sudden change of temperature.

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Mr. Forman inquired if Mr. Turner was satisfied with the lakes protocol. Mr. Turner said that he was and that this year they looked better than they have since the program was started. Mr. Turner commented that the goal is always to have no algae, but it does occur from time to time. The algae is much less severe than it has been in previous years.

Mr. London commented on the layouts done by the landscape architect, Burle Marx, that was discussed at last month's meeting and said he would reach out to Mr. Turner for further discussion.


Mrs. Wittlin asked Mr. Turner if he had any further comments. Mr. Turner replied that since all of the projects have been completed, they are doing their normal maintenance along with a few other minor projects. They can now focus on the turf maintenance as the turf and plant material growth had slowed down due to the cooler temperatures.

Mr. Baecht gave a brief status update on the front entrance/guardhouse and street light projects that are still in the planning phases and answered any questions committee members had regarding those two projects.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

The next meeting will be TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Baecht, COO, VP, Executive Director
Chairman



Date