



BOCA WEST

MASTER ASSOCIATION

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, January 9, 2024; 11:00 A.M.

Minutes

In attendance: Ronnie Pollard, Steve Becker, Herbert Getzels, Kenneth Sher, Judith Birnbaum and Don Janower and Scott Rudin. Michael Eustace, Executive Director, and Lawson Turner, Director of Landscape and Maintenance, were also in attendance.

Mrs. Pollard called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and established a quorum. The Committee unanimously approved the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

Chairperson's Overview

Mrs. Pollard and the Committee had a discussion on the cost to replace the wilting hedges at Yamato. Mr. Turner is pricing the replacement of the 400 linear footages with a contractor and with in-house staff. He estimates it will be dependent on what is available at the nurseries and could be between \$20,000 and \$35,000. Mr. Turner explained that the area where they look the worst is located under the Ficus trees which produce a lot of shade. He advised that they need to choose a plant that can thrive in the shade. Clusia's thrive in the sun. The one plant that will tolerate shade is Green Arvicola, which are not as fast growing as Clusias. They do require a lot of maintenance to keep it at a certain height. He recommends 15-gallon size which will provide a three to four foot high range. Areca Palms are difficult to control the height. Mr. Turner will provide the price for the Arvicola and suggested starting planting in March/April which is the beginning of the growing season.

Landscape Director's Report

Mr Turner reported that they finished planting the annuals and are back to the normal operating schedule. The three Bottle Palms have been planted after coming through the Jog gatehouse. The Lethal Viral Necrosis is still present and there is no cure. It is a virus that is lethal to the Florida St Augustine sod. It does not affect the other varieties of St. Augustine.

Mr. Turner talked about the area near Laural Oaks that is thinning and provided prices and pictures of palms and foliage trees that could back fill the area. The Committee discussed the selection. The Committee recommended selecting the Japanese Blueberry in the gallon size that is most available (10-12 ft). The cost would be around \$1000.

Committee Members' Comments

Mrs. Pollard asked about the area coming from Plantation Colony going west, which is bare. Mr. Turner explained that area belongs to the golf course.

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Mr. Eustace reported on the lights that FPL has not repaired. Mr. Tuner reported that Ms. Goyd, his administrative assistant, met with the FPL representative that has been assigned to Boca West. They rode around and determined that there is a lack of communication within the company. They are supposed to provide a crew to fix them.

Mr. Eustace reported on the lighting project and will be presenting it to the Representatives before the project goes for a vote.

Mr. Eustace will be meeting with some people at Bridgewood as they can see Glades Rd due to thinning foliage.

He reported that he and Mr. Jonas have been meeting with an architect for the renovation of suites 101/102.

Mrs. Pollard asked about the median on Glades. Mr. Eustace explained that Boca West has an agreement with the city to maintain the area but would need to get permission to landscape.

Mr. Eustace gave an update on the name change application for Boca West Dr. Any parcel owner along that strip has to be notified and the change will have to go through a public hearing. The Committee discussed the Boca West Dr name change. A committee member suggested hanging a sign that states "North", "South", "East" and "West" below the street signs.

Mr. Eustace dispelled the rumor and clarified that the Nature Preserve is not going to be developed for a high-rise condominium. He explained the goal of the Strategic Planning Committee is to make recommendations for a 10-15 year plan for the future of Boca West.

Mr. Eustace reported that he is in contact with the Florida DOT regarding the Glades Rd and turnpike expansion. As this materializes, he will continue to report on the topic.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie Pollard
BWMA Secretary, Committee Chair

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Date