



City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Beautification Advisory Committee

Chair: Marv Needles

Vice-Chair: Linda Scherzinger

*Members: Michael Cory, Victoria Myers,
Ann Sepe, Ryan Sullivan*

*City Staff: Joe Parilli, Martha Montgomery,
Jose Muchati*

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

3:00 PM

Community Room

(1) CALL TO ORDER

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Member Cory, Member Myers, Member Sepe, Member Sullivan and Chair Needles

Absent: 1 - Vice-Chair Scherzinger

Also Present

CITY COUNCILORS

Deb Henry

Bonita Schwann

WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Elliot Mascoop

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Chair Needles, seconded by Member Myers, that this be Approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 26-5138](#) Approval of the Minutes

MOTION by Member Myers, seconded by Member Sepe, that this Minutes be approved as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0.

(6) OLD BUSINESS

6A [ID 26-5121](#) Leland Way Swale (J. Parrilli)

The Beautification Advisory Committee reported that the Water & Sewers Department denied plantings in Leland Way swales. The photos presented showed a map and the locations of mature gumbo limbos

which the committee is requesting clarification and investigation of reviewing the exact locations of the water mains. Additionally, it was reported that a waterway runs on the north side of Leland Way and on the south side, plus sewer laterals and meter services. To identify areas that are appropriate for planting, a follow-up meeting with staff was requested. Committee Member Victory Myers agreed to schedule a site-review with Justin Martin (Public Works Director) and Jeff Poteet (Water & Sewer Manager) to explore options and possible alternatives.

6B [ID 26-5122](#) Calusa Park / Arbor Day update (J. Parrili & L. Scherzinger)

Fleet & Facilities Manager Joe Parrilli had no update on the Calusa Park project of planting trees along Winterberry. Vice-Chair Scherzinger was expected to coordinate with Parks & Rec and further discussion on the project budget will have to wait until the Vice-Chair returns.

Regarding the Arbor Day update, Committee Member Corey's Arbor Day activities was shared. This included photos of last year's planted trees, which showed to be thriving with the new sign. Additionally, photos of historical markers were presented.

6C [ID 26-5123](#) Collier Blvd Banners (J. Parrilli)

Street banners are fading/wearing; some in poor condition at least one appears broken. Fleet & Facilities Manager, Joe Parrilli, will obtain pricing and an exact inventory count, while categorizing by types of urgency. The Committee may consider using funds for the next year's budget. Joe Parrilli is expected to present counts and pricing on the next meeting.

6D [ID 26-5128](#) Christmas Lighting Issue (All)

Existing holiday lighting is limited and more is needed to extend lighting from Jolly Bridge to the Seagate Bridge. The vendor suggested adding 40 more units, but the vendor has no place for storage. Chair Needles mentioned that he can get pricing from the manufacturer. Committee Member Corey offered a potential off-island storage solution on US-41 and will get the details on the next meeting.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

7A [ID 26-5137](#) Chair's Report (Political Sign Ordinance & Event Sponsorship)

Regarding the political sign ordinance, Chair Needles indicated that Vice-Chair Scherzinger was expected to follow up on this matter. As a result, there was no substantive discussion on this topic. On the other hand, Chair Needles reported planning to meet with Interim City Manager, Casey Lucius, to discuss a formal policy for event sponsorship. Additionally, Chair Needles would like to explore flexibility for committee meeting time limit to discuss with Casey where the policy originated and if it can be adjusted.

7B [ID 26-5124](#) Marco in Bloom follow-ups (All)

Coastal breeze published a half-page ad for Marco in Bloom. Committee Member Victoria Myers created the nominating committee and kickoff luncheon was held. Marco in Bloom judging criteria now also includes Florida Friendly. Victoria Myers is receiving nominations and collecting information from property owners to confirm participation. Regarding deadlines & judging, entries are due by March 10 and the primary judging occurring on Saturday, March 14 (with March 13 as a possible backup).

7C [ID 26-5125](#) Nature Night Planning (All)

Marco Nature Night is scheduled for March 5, 2026 at 5:30 pm. There are 3 confirmed speakers with a given amount of 20 minutes each. Event length is being targeted to approximately two hours. Marriot is providing food, but no band. And Island Garden is donating plants, plus certificates. The PDF flyer is being finalized and will be distributed to committee members through Fleet & Facilities Coordinator Jose

Muchati.

7D [ID 26-5126](#) Unwanted Trees Outreach (R. Sullivan)

An article was sent to Coast Breeze and posted. Little further discussion is expected in the near term. Moving forward, this can be mentioned as Other Committee Communications and added back as an agenda item unless new developments arise.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

[ID 26-5127](#) Calusa Park Butterfly Garden

Fleet & Facilities Manager, Joe Parrilli, reported no communication yet from the committee to discuss replanting of the damaged landscaping. Committee Member Victoria Myers asked whether it has irrigation and it works; staff confirmed it. Joe is expected to follow up with the committee; item to be placed on the next agenda.

(9) CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Beach Access Beautification Grant: City Councilor Bonita Schwann updated the Beautification Advisory Committee about grant for the Beach Access Beautification. Beach & Coastal Committee appointed the Beach & Coastal Committee Member Dustin Nesmith to work together Beautification Advisory Committee Member Ann Sepe.

Collier Boulevard Maintenance: Bonita will provide documentation regarding a follow-up of the confirmed reversal of prior resident-responsibility decision.

It was also mentioned that on the next agenda, it will be time to elect and reelect a new chair and vice-chair.

(10) PUBLIC COMMENT

(11) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

(12) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 1. Election & reelection of new chair and vice chair.*
- 2. Calusa Park planting project (L. Scherzinger)*
- 3. Remove - Unwanted Trees outreach unless new development arises*

(13) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Historical Markers: Committee Member Michael Cory presented photos and locations of the island's historical markers. He noted maintenance levels, what needed attention and provided a sheet with details and addresses.

Engaging the community maintain historical markers: It was suggested to engage nearby volunteers, residents or homeowners to maintain specific markers. Committee Member Victoria Myers offered to share additional plans. Additionally, City Councilor Bonita Schwann noted of a resident who is interested in a 14th historical marker for the USAF missile-tracking station at Cape Marco. Bonita is going to consult the historical museum and Cape Marco to report back in a future meeting.

Alternative tree planting site on San Marco: Committee Member Ryan Sullivan proposed an alternative tree planting site on the stretch of Tommy Barfield / Sand Hill, which is near the YMCA and school crosswalk. The discussion indicated limited irrigation and a potential need for sod, while emphasizing pedestrian

safety. Fleet and Facilities Manager Joe Parrilli asked Ryan to send the overview, and will forward to Water & Sewer and Public Works for review and bring back feedback on the next meeting.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Needles adjourned the meeting at 4:33 pm.

Jose Muchati, Fleet & Facilities Coordinator