

*Recreation Department on bug infestation at Leigh Plummer Park, and in planning stages for around lake at Mackle Park. Mr. Pawlowski, Maintenance Technician, evaluates tree plantings/dead transplantings at Mackle Park.*

*Original BAC Budget: \$10,000, Spent \$5,000 +, remaining funds \$1,829 for costs for Arbor Day advertising,  
Balance today \$3,685, to be used by Sept. 30, 2019, if not used, loose it. Any outstanding project receipts from committee forward to Ms. Mastronardi.*

*Members recommended remaining funds used for:*

*1. \$2,000 to Butterfly Garden to purchase arbor for hanging passion vine plantings. Need cost from Ms.*

*LaGrotta. (do not need permission from City Council for arbor, on-going project)  
2. Start-up Food Forest. (new project, need City Council approval). Vice-Chair Richards, Parks & Recreation*

*Committee has suggested BAC take on project, need volunteers (Vice-Chair Irwin volunteered).*

*3. Replaced dead trees in ROW/median, removed, never replaced.*

*Committee will further discuss this topic at next month BAC meeting.*

c. Remaining BAC Budget- Director Pinter

*See above 6b. Bring back next month meeting, committee to vote on using remaining funds.*

## **(7) PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME CERTAIN 3:30 P.M.)**

*Elliott Mastcoop, resident spoke of roll and types of fertilizer ordinance on island and how fertilizer destroys waterways, some fertilizers are free of pollutants. Banning fertilizer on Marco Island on June 1 - Sept 30th is not smart answer, depends on using fertilizer when needed and how much used, some plantings take up run off. Keep healthy grass to keep waterways beautiful and clean. BAC suggested Mr. Mastcoop present to Waterways Committee with samples and photos.*

## **(8) PRESENTATIONS**

## **(9) OLD BUSINESS**

a. ROW Variance - Chair Kirlin

[ID 19-255](#) R.O.W. Presentation

**Attachments:** [RIGHT OF WAY .pptx](#)

*Chair Kirlin presented slides from City Council meeting regarding R.O.W. on re-evaluating ordinance after goes through committee, reviewing and reporting back to City Council.*

*Committee and Director Pinter discussed what is allowed/not allowed on R.O.W. Ordinance Variance.*

*Staff doesn't approve variance for R.O.W., cost prohibitive \$2,000, no waiver. Under objection of liaison, BAC moving forward to address City Council for variance approval. Codes are too restrictive prohibiting plantings in ROW. Director Pinter stated Growth Management, Police and Fire Department have reasons for not planting in ROW, there*

*are no exceptions to allow plants in R.O.W.*

*Chair Kirlin read letter from Doug Caldwell, University of FL, IFAS, Arborist sharing with committee as reference. Chair Kirlin presented photos of ROW plantings not allowed (trees, hedges, holes and Bouganvilleas) on other Marco Island properties.*

*Committee discussions on other requirements/considerations:*

*Member Colombo - none*

*Vice Chair Irwin - currently there is no process to request plantings, no review board. Need process to allow/review for variance.*

*Chair Kirlin proposing variance procedure allowing residents to request additional plant life in swales (appeal process) based on own circumstances or requests. Permission can be denied. City can remove to add roads, pipes, etc. Taking risk to install anything in ROW.*

*Director Pinter stated site development plan process in Growth Management on landscaping, etc. allowing certain things to happen. If Master Plan, may take place in ROW, planning board and City Council approves only on commercial properties. Public Works re-doing some swales, maybe next year, tearing rock areas in places being reconstructed.*

*Member Colombo commented on motion: Motion should be denied, this subject was not given to committee to consider, City Council determines plantings. Task to review plantings in ROW, accomplished by committee. ROW is City property, not home owners property.*

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Irwin, to vote about recommending to City Council to establish review process for variance for ROW, seconded by Member Strungis, that this MOTION be approved.  
MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis and Vice-Chair Irwin

**No:** 1 - Member Colombo

**Not Present:** 2 - Member Keeling and Member Godwin

**b. 2019 Marco in Bloom - Maria Tobin**

*Member Tobin reported contest ended, voted on winners and runner ups, will be presented at City Council meeting, May 6, 2019. In future, need rules before voting, and add more categories. Received 24 entries, widely publicized.*

*Exciting event - reviewed many properties, remind public criteria for selections.*

*Member Strungis left meeting at 4:10 p. m., returned at 4:22 p. m.*

*Committee gave Member Tobin responsibility for Marco in Bloom (MiB) project next year, four (4) members in consensus.*

*MiB winners will be presented with address and photo for each category at City Council meeting Monday, May 6, 2019.*

**c. 2019 Arbor Day - Tree Planting - Becky Irwin**

*Vice Chair Irwin reported celebration turned out great, (Middle School jazz band played), thanked Mr. Benarroch for donating Tamarind Tree. Spent \$580 (out of \$1,000 budget).*