

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

3:00 PM

Community Room

Beautification Advisory Committee

*Chair: David Leaser
Vice-Chair: Shelli Connelly*

*Members: Tiffany Homuth,
Ken Kramer, Julie McDonald ,
Dustin Nesmith, Sharon Watts*

City Staff: Justin Martin, Tara Kosieracki

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leaser called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice-Chair Connelly, Member Homuth, Member Kramer, Member McDonald and Chair Leaser

Absent: 2 - Member Nesmith and Member Watts

Also Present

Leslie Landert of Landert Landscape Design

City Staff:

Justin Martin, Director of Public Works

Tara Kosieracki, Administrative/Project Coordinator

Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist

Martin Luna, Audio Visual Technician

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Leaser.

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Member McDonald, seconded by Vice-Chair Connelly, that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Vice-Chair Connelly, Member Homuth, Member Kramer, Member McDonald and Chair Leaser

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 23-2921](#) Approval of the Minutes of May 3, 2023.

MOTION by Member Homuth, seconded by Member Kramer, that the Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2023, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Vice-Chair Connelly, Member Homuth, Member Kramer, Member McDonald and Chair Leaser

(6) OLD BUSINESS

[ID 23-2926](#) Update on the Ten Thousand Trees Initiative

Chair Leaser updated the Committee on the status of the pilot program implementation and the concerns raised at the City Council regarding an 'opt out' provision for residents. The initial three planting locations were discussed and Public Works Director Martin provided insight for the Committee's consideration.

[ID 23-2927](#) Beach Access Beautification Update

Chair Leaser updated the Committee on the discussion with the Beach & Coastal Resources Advisory

Committee (B&CRAC) at its May 17th meeting. Chair Leaser was pleased to report that the B&CRAC enthusiastically supported working with the Beautification Committee on this project.

[ID 23-2928](#) 2023 Remaining Budget

The Committee discussed the utilization of its remaining 2023 Fiscal Year funds. Additionally, Member Homuth provided her proposed categories for the 2024 Fiscal Year budget to Public Works Director Martin. Questions regarding the Committee's past cul-de-sac voucher program were raised, and Ms. Kosieracki was asked to keep Member Homuth apprised of new invoices as they come in.

MOTION by Member McDonald, seconded by Member Homuth, that the Committee's remaining 2023 Fiscal Year Budget be allocated toward beautifying the areas immediately around the historical marker plaques that are available in public access areas of the Island. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 5 - Vice-Chair Connelly, Member Homuth, Member Kramer, Member McDonald and Chair Leaser

(7) NEW BUSINESS

[ID 23-2929](#) San Marco Park Proposal

Ms. Leslie Landert of Landert Landscape Design, outlined her approach and concept for beautifying the small, City-owned property parcel at the southeast corner of San Marco Road and Heathwood Drive. Chair Leaser requested that Ms. Landert develop a proposed budget in three phases - site prep, installation, and annual maintenance - for Public Works Director Martin to review with the City Council at its upcoming 2024 Operating Budget Meeting. Director Martin also advised the Committee that the project, if approved, would be managed through the City's Fleet & Facilities Department.

(8) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Public Works Director Martin discussed the three historical markers that the Committee addressed during its budget discussion, and he reminded the Committee of the City Council's request for a street by street plan for the Ten Thousand Trees Initiative. Chair Leaser responded to Director Martin's comments, and he provided a summary of the inputs that he received from the Naples Botanical Gardens team.

(9) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(10) NEXT MEETING: CONFIRMATION & ATTENDANCE

There will be no Meeting in July. The Committee discussed a potential date of August 3, 2023 for its next Meeting pending the availability of Members not present at this Meeting. Ms. Kosieracki was asked to contact the absent Members to confirm their availability for August 3rd.

(11) PROPOSED AGENDA TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Two topics were raised for the next Meeting:

1. Naming the property parcel at San Marco Road and Heathwood Drive;
2. Member McDonald will bring a proposal outlining changes to the 2024 Marco in Bloom application.

(12) OTHER COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

(13) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Leaser adjourned the Meeting at 4:17 P.M.

*Tara Kosieracki
Administrative/Project Coordinator
Public Works Department*