



# City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Beautification Advisory Committee

*Chair: Andrew Kirlin  
Vice-Chair: Maria Tobin*

*Members: Becky Irwin, Peter Strungis, Shelli Connelly, Mary  
Beth Cummings*

*City Staff: Timothy Pinter, P.E., Diana Aviles*

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Wednesday, July 1, 2020

3:00 PM

Community Room

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#### (1) CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Kirlin called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.*

#### (2) ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

#### (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by Chair Kirlin.*

#### (4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION by Member Irwin, seconded by Member Connelly, that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

#### (5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 20-909](#) Beautification Advisory Committee Minutes of June 3, 2020.

**MOTION by Vice-Chair Tobin, seconded by Member Strungis, that the Minutes from June 3, 2020 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

#### (6) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

##### a. Staff update

*Public Works Director Tim Pinter let the Committee know that it will need to replace the banners for the city since the ones that are currently up have been sun bleached. Committee Member Irwin asked Mr. Pinter if the sprinklers could be switched to a later time due to some complaints from residents. Mr. Pinter explained that there are a lot of factors that are in play with the sprinklers, but he will see*

*what he could do.*

b. BAC Budget Request Submittal for FY 2021- Update

[ID 20-907](#) BAC BUDGET REQUEST

*Public Works Director Tim Pinter increased the Committee's budget from \$9,500 to \$11,000 and provided a budget of \$40,000 for tree replacement.*

c. Replacement Tree Planting- Update

*All of the trees have been replaced at a total cost of approximately \$39,600. The trees that were replaced were either lost in Hurricane Irma or have died over time. In the process of replacing these trees, a variety of tree species were used.*

d. Median Landscape Upgrades- Update

*For this past year there were four medians that were done. The total cost to redo the medians was about \$78,000. For the fiscal year 2021 Mr. Pinter explained to the Committee that it will have the same amount as it did in 2020 so the Committee can continue with new projects for the City. The Committee agreed that If funds are available they will include Barfield medians for the future.*

**(7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No comment was presented to the Committee.*

**(8) PRESENTATIONS**

*No presentations were brought forward to the Committee.*

**(9) OLD BUSINESS**

a. Utility Wrapper - Update

*Eleven utility boxes are now planned for decorative wrapping at a cost of \$9,534.07. Mr. Pinter confirmed the Committee's recommendation of Speedpro as the vendor. Member Connelly reported that 53 artists submitted 190 designs, with 57 advancing to the final round of judging. Eleven top design selections were made along with two alternate designs to allow for the vendor to confirm that eleven designs could be reproduced. Plans are currently underway to provide a \$1,000 award to each artist submitting a selected design, along with a virtual recognition event to honor the selectees. Member Connelly is also preparing to send 'thank you' cards to all judges who participated in the selection process.*

[ID 20-906](#) City of Marco Island Cabinet Wraps

**MOTION by Member Connelly, seconded by Member Irwin, that, if necessary, up to \$2,900 be transferred from the budget to cover the completion of the utility wrap project, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

b. 2020 Marco in Bloom Contest- Evaluations

**MOTION by Chair Kirlin, seconded by Member Strungis, that selected winners 1,3,7,8, and 10 for 2020 Marco in Bloom Contest be Approved. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

c. Tree Policy BAC Recommendations- Update

[ID 20-904](#) Tree Policy Recommendations

**MOTION by Chair Kirlin, seconded by Member Strungis, that a new tree will be planted within 6 months to replace a dying/dead tree, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

[ID 20-905](#) University of Florida Tree Policy Recommendations

*Tom Becker from UF provided a couple of recommendations to the Committee on what kind of plants should be planted. Mr. Becker recommended trees that are more wind resistant have a better chance. It was impressed upon the Committee how important it is to replace a tree after it dies. Since Florida has common tropical storms and hurricanes, it was also recommended that any hazardous trees should be removed and replaced for the safety of the residents.*

**MOTION by Chair Kirlin, seconded by Member Strungis, to include the following recommended trees to be planted in the City: Gumbo Limbo, Satin Leaf, Orange Geiger , and Green Buttonwood, be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kirlin, Member Tobin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

**(10) NEW BUSINESS**

a. Bio-Swales Plan- Recommendations

*Bio-swale is a form of a bio retention. Tom Becker from the University of Florida explained that Bio-swales are vital and that they improve wildlife value, function to absorb nutrients, and how aesthetically pleasing they are. The main function for Bio-Swales is to slow down run off water and retain water to allow a better process for cleansing contaminants. The Committee would like to have more of them on the Island, however, they would have to complement the existing aesthetic of the Island's character.*

**(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Committee Concerns/Future Agenda

*For the next meeting the Committee would like to discuss more about the banners and what vendor they will use. The members agreed to discuss more in depth regarding the Fertilizer ordinance. Member Connelly reached out to Samantha Malloy, Manager of Parks & Recreation regarding handing out flyers at the Farmers Market. Vice Chair Tobin also recommended that for the next meeting they should discuss Ganoderma and how it would affect our trees.*

**(12) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.*

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*Diana Aviles, Administrative Assistant*