

City of Marco Island Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

3:30 PM

Community Room

Beautification Advisory Committee

Chair: Shelli Connelly

Vice-Chair: Maria Tobin

Members: Mary Beth Cummings,

James Eby, Ken Kramer,

David Leaser, Dustin Nesmith

City Staff: Timothy Pinter, P.E., Tracey Barnett

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Connelly called the Meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

(2) ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Member Leaser, Member Nesmith, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

Not Present: 1 - Member Eby

Also Present

*Al Benarroch, Principal, Affordable Landscape Service and Design LLC
Yvette Benarroch, Affordable Landscape Service and Design LLC*

City Staff:

Timothy Pinter, Public Works Director

Martin Luna, Video/Broadcast Technician

Tracey Barnett, Administrative Assistant Public Works Department

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Connelly

(4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Yes: 6 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Member Leaser, Member Nesmith, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

Not Present: 1 - Member Eby

(5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 21-1638](#) Approval of the Minutes from BAC Meeting on 6/2/21

MOTION by Member Leaser, seconded by Member Kramer that the Minutes of June 2, 2021 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Member Leaser, Member Nesmith, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

Not Present: 1 - Member Eby

[ID 21-1639](#) Approval of the Minutes from BAC Workshop Meeting on 6/16/21

MOTION by Member Cummings, seconded by Member Nesmith that the Workshop Minutes of June 16, 2021 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Member Leaser, Member Nesmith, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

Not Present: 1 - Member Eby

(6) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

a. Black Olive Trees- Update from Affordable Landscaping

Ms. Yvette Benarroch gave update on the injections for the Black Olive trees. She suggested that the trees be injected next spring before they bloom to prevent the staining that occurs. She also recommended that cleaning with bleach will get rid of the current staining situation. The Committee requested a cost estimate and a survey of what trees need to be treated for discussion at the next meeting.

(7) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(8) PRESENTATIONS

None.

(9) OLD BUSINESS

a. Fertilizer Card Distribution Plan- Update

[ID 21-1670](#) Fertilizer Card Distribution Plan

Mr. Pinter spoke of a memo distributed by Member Eby on the locations where cards should be placed. Member Cummings gave an update that the Fertilizer cards have been placed in those areas, which include: MICA, Mackle Park, Welcome Center and both Hardware stores.

b. Committee Website Content - Update (Member Leaser)

[ID 21-1671](#) Committee Website Content

Member Leaser showed the Committee his rendering of possible changes for the BAC pages on the City website. Mr. Pinter advised of limitations in the agreement that the City has with the designer Municode. All were in favor of the changes proposed in the presentation, and this topic will be discussed further in a later meeting or workshop.

c. Public Murals-review and next steps (Member Nesmith)

[ID 21-1672](#) Public Murals-review and next steps

Member Nesmith shared some examples of public murals on businesses that he had found on the visitflorida.com website. It was decided that the Committee needs to present its ideas to the City Council for further direction. The Committee liked the idea of a mural at Mackle Park or at the Town Center as a starting point. Chair Connelly will discuss this and other ideas when she provides her Committee update on August 16, 2021 to City Council.

d. Seasonal Light Display- Update (Chair Connelly)

[ID 21-1673](#) Seasonal Light Display- Update

Chair Connelly reported that the Christmas Island Style Committee will be placing a 4 foot wreath at the entrance to the island. It was noted that the lighting of the median trees instead of the light poles on the sidewalks would be nicer and less costly. Mr. Pinter suggested that Chair Connelly speak with City Council Chair Jared Grifoni to get his thoughts on the decorating. The Committee will return to this topic at a later meeting.

- e. *Public Beach Access Path Beautification - plan/timetable -update (Chair Connelly)*

[ID 21-1674](#) Public Beach Access Path Beautification

Chair Connelly presented pictures of the two public access beach paths controlled by the city that showed all of the old dilapidated garbage cans, bike racks, and well maintained, but uninspiring, landscaping. Her ideas for artsy, whimsical wall murals, bike racks and decorated garbage cans will all be discussed as part of her presentation to the City Council. This will be re-addressed at a later meeting.

- f. *2022 Fiscal Year Budget - Discussion of Committee Projects and Plans (All)*

[ID 21-1675](#) 2022 Fiscal Year Budget- Discussion of Committee Projects and Plans

Mr. Pinter informed the Committee that its 2022 Fiscal Year budget will be \$10,000, which is the same as last year's amount. Also, Mr. Pinter reminded the Committee of the remaining 2021 Fiscal Year balance that needs to be spent by September 30, 2021. The 2022 budget discussion will continue at the next meeting.

- g. *2021 Arbor Day Discussion (Connelly)*

[ID 21-1676](#) 2021 Arbor Day Discussion

Vice Chair Tobin volunteered to take the lead in getting the application and plaque for Tree City USA, completed in a timely manner. Also, Mr. Pinter discussed the Ordinance outlining the minimum amount of trees required on residential properties.

(10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. *Review of Mission Statement (Leaser)*

[ID 21-1677](#) Review of Mission Statement

Member Leaser used elements of the Committee's earlier 2017 and 2019 Mission statements to draft a revised Committee Mission Statement. Member Leaser will send out a draft of the New Mission statement for the Committee to review. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

- a. *Member Availability for Next Meeting 8/4/21 @ 3:30 P.M.*

All Members of the Committee who were present indicated their intention to be available for the next meeting on August 4, 2021, but the starting time was changed to 3:00 P.M.

MOTION by Chair Connelly, seconded by Member Nesmith, that the starting time for future BAC meetings be moved to 3:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:

Yes: 6 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Member Leaser, Member Nesmith, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

Not Present: 1 - Member Eby

b. *Sharing of Thoughts on Topics for Committee Concern and Interest (All)*

None.

(12) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Connelly adjourned the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Tracey Barnett, Administrative Assistant Public Works Department