



# 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, October 7, 2020

3:00 PM

Community Room

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#### (1) CALL TO ORDER

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

#### (2) ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Chair Kirlin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

**Absent:** 1 - Member Tobin

(Note: Member Stungis participated via telephonic connection)

#### (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by Chair Kirlin*

#### (4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Kirlin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

#### (5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 20-1080](#) Beautification Advisory Committee Minutes of September 2, 2020.

**MOTION by Member Connelly, seconded by Member Cummings, that the Minutes from September 2, 2020 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Kirlin, Member Strungis, Member Connelly, Member Irwin and Member Cummings

#### (6) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

## a. Staff Update

*No current update at the moment from Tim Pinter, Public Works Director.*

## b. BAC Budget- Last Year/Upcoming Year

*Public Works Director Tim Pinter announced to the Committee that for the fiscal year of 2021 the new budget is \$11,000. The end of the fiscal year was September 30, 2020, therefore; any money from fiscal year 2020 is no longer available.*

[ID 20-1081](#) BAC Budget FY 20

[ID 20-1082](#) BAC Budget FY 21

**(7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Al Benarroch, Affordable landscaping, recommended that they could put pavers and attach them to the pedestals. The pavers would protect the concrete instead of damaging it. The Committee loved the idea. Mr. Pinter told Mr. Benarroch if he could provide him with a proposal.*

**(8) PRESENTATIONS**

*No presentations made at this time.*

**(9) OLD BUSINESS**

## a. Utility Wraps (Update)

*The Art Center created a "Marco Island Creative Wraps Map" brochure. This brochure shows all the wraps around the Island and the name of the artist. The wraps are getting a good response from multiple people from different city's. Member Connelly made a comment to the Committee that she will look into the maintenance for the base for the Utility bases. Overall the main issue for the Committee and Mr. Pinter is the ongoing maintenance and finding a way to maintain the utility bases without deteriorating the concrete base.*

*The City of Marco is getting a lot of positive reviews from local residents and non-residents regarding the utility wraps. Member Connelly announced that there is a lot of positive feedback on social media regarding the wraps. Overall the Committee is happy with the wraps, the art work and the people who helped make it possible.*

## b. 2020 Marco in Bloom Contest- Proposals For Improvement

*Due to Vice-Chair Tobin absence the committee will defer this till the next meeting.*

## c. Arbor Day &amp; Tree City USA (Update)

*Because of COVID-19 the Committee does not have to do a lot of the previous requirements. All the Committee needs to do is submit an application to Tree City USA which Chair Kirklin will work on.*

## d. Recommended Tree List for Parks (Update)

*Chair Kirlin went before the Parks and Rec's Committee and gave them a presentation. He was invited*

*back for the next meeting as an agenda item to speak about the recommended tree list for the park.*

e. Approved Tree List for Code Trees for New Construction (Update)

*No update at the moment.*

**(10) NEW BUSINESS**

a. Nature Nights 2021

*Overall the Nature Night for 2020 was very successful. For 2021 the Committee has the idea of having it outdoor. Members of the Committee are thinking about Mackle Park. Member Strungis recommended in this event they should talk about both the fertilizer ordinance and the importance of waterways. The Committee expressed the importance of getting more of a younger crowd to the event. The Committee also has to take into consideration that if they have it outdoors then they will not be able to record it like they did for the previous one. The Committee will consider their options and see what they will do regarding this issue.*

**(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

a. Committee Concerns/Future Agenda

*Member Connelly presented some of the banners that are hung around the Island and showed the Committee how faded they became. So far member Connelly has 4 quotes for a new vendor to redo the banners. Member Connelly will continue to look for a vendor that can create a banner that maintains its color and lasts for a long time as well. Members will look into getting recommendations from other places here in Southwest Florida.*

*Regarding the previous meeting regarding Ms. Jeanette O'Donnell, 2nd Avenue, made a couple of flyer and distributed them to her neighbors. Member Connelly met with Ms. O'Donnell and saw the lake and how polluted it is. Member Connelly also mentioned that she would also like some trees along Marco Lake Drive. Ms. O'Donnell is also trying to change the names for a couple streets. Currently in the process of certifying the signatures.*

*Member Connelly also mentioned the there is a Artist that is interested in making changes to the Welcome sign. Member Connelly proceeded with showing the Committee some examples the artist provided her with. The artist would have to present this idea to several Committee's and get their approval before taking this matter towards City Council for approval.*

**(12) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Kirlin adjourned the meeting at 4:05 P.M.*

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*Diana Aviles, Recording Specialist*