

# City of Marco Island Florida

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Marco Island, Florida  
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## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Thursday, April 1, 2021**

**3:30 PM**

**Community Room**

## **Beautification Advisory Committee**

*Chair: Shelli Connelly*

*Vice-Chair: Maria Tobin*

*Members: Mary Beth Cummings,  
James Eby, Ken Kramer,  
Dustin Nesmith*

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

## (1) CALL TO ORDER

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

## (2) ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

**Absent:** 2 - Member Eby and Member Nesmith

### ***Also Present***

*Al Benarroch, Principal, Affordable Landscape Service & Design LLC*

#### ***CITY STAFF:***

*Timothy Pinter, Public Works Director*

*Lina Upham, Purchasing & Risk Manager*

*Martin Luna, Video / Broadcast Technician*

*Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*

## (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Led by Chair Connelly.*

## (4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION by Member Cummings, seconded by Member Kramer, that the Agenda be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 4 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

## (5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[ID 21-1476](#) Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2021

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2021](#)

**MOTION by Member Cummings, seconded by Vice-Chair Tobin, that the Minutes of March 3, 2021 be Approved. MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOICE VOTE:**

**Yes:** 4 - Member Cummings, Member Kramer, Vice-Chair Tobin and Chair Connelly

## (6) STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (Director Pinter)

*a. Update on Discussion with Utility Wrap Vendor re: Bubbling / Peeling*

[ID 21-1416](#) Utility Box Pictures

**Attachments:** [Utility Wraps Pictures](#)

*Public Works Director Pinter reported that he and Committee Chair Connelly met with the contractor that installed the utility box wraps at one of the three, identified problem utility box locations. Identifying water intrusion as the likely reason for the bubbling / peeling condition, the vendor committed to inspecting all eleven installations on the Island, and to completing any necessary repairs during the month of April.*

**b. Status: Utility Box Base Epoxy Painting and Paver Installations**

*Following his report on the utility box vinyl wraps that are bubbling and peeling, Mr. Pinter reported that work on the installation of pavers for the bases under the utility boxes that are located in areas without surrounding vegetation would begin within the upcoming week. He suggested that members of the Committee take a look at the installation at the school crossing pathway on San Marco Rd. to see a completed base firsthand.*

**c. Update: Marco Lake Trees - Landscape Services Provider Recommendations**

*At Mr. Pinter's request, Mr. Al Benarroch, Principal of Affordable Landscape Service & Design, shared his experience and recommendations for shade and palm tree varieties that would be best suited (and lowest in maintenance) for the Marco Lake area under consideration. Mr. Benarroch's recommended varieties included: Green Buttonwood, Gumbo Limbo and Tabebuia as shade trees, and Foxtail, Montgomery and Sabal palms in the palm tree category.*

*Following Mr. Benarroch's recommendations, the Committee asked Messrs. Pinter and Benarroch to develop a proposed tree placement plan for the area in question, and to return to the Committee to share their proposal.*

**(7) PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No public comments were received during the meeting.*

**(8) PRESENTATIONS**

*No presentations were presented during the meeting.*

**(9) OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Marco-In-Bloom Contest Selections (Vice-Chair Tobin)**

**[ID 21-1478](#) 2021 Marco-In-Bloom Contest Nominations & Selections**

*Vice-Chair Tobin collected the verbally-reported scores that each Committee member assigned to the candidate properties that they reviewed, and she reported the tallied results to the Committee after all scores were submitted.*

*Ms. Tobin indicated that this would be her last year leading the Marco-In-Bloom nomination solicitation and recognition effort, and she asked the other members of the Committee to consider volunteering to take charge of the program for calendar year 2022 and beyond. (Note: No members of the Committee present at this meeting volunteered to lead the program going forward).*

*Ms. Tobin will present the results and announce the winners of the 2021 Marco-In-Bloom Contest at the April 5th meeting of the Marco Island City Council.*

*b. Fertilizer Card Update (Member Cummings)*

[ID 21-1415](#) Fertilizer Ordinance Cards/Price

**Attachments:** [Fertilizer Ordinance Cards/Price](#)

*Member Cummings indicated that she had no new information to share with the Committee at this meeting.*

*c. Committee Website Page - Prioritizing the Info Needed / Shown (Chair Connelly)*

[ID 21-1479](#) Beautification Advisory Committee Prioritization of Information Displayed or Needed

**Attachments:** [BAC Page on City Website as of 3-29-21](#)

*As discussed at the March 3rd meeting of the Committee, each attending Committee member came prepared and offered suggestions to improve and update the Committee's webpage on the City's website. Noting that information was missing or out-of-date on: 1) the Utility Box Creative Wrap Project; 2) Marco Nature Night, and; 3) the Butterfly Garden and other Committee projects and programs to enhance Calusa Park, Mr. Pinter asked that all Committee members send him their respective lists so that future dialogue regarding the prioritization of all items can be scheduled for an upcoming meeting.*

*d. Public Murals - Investigation Update (Member Nesmith)*

[ID 21-1480](#) Public Murals - Investigation and Update Report

*Committee Member Nesmith was not present to provide his report. However, several photo examples that he obtained were shared with members of the Committee.*

*Chair Connelly reported on her conversation regarding this topic with Marco Island City Council Chairman Jared Grifoni and noted his recommendation that, before expending significant Beautification Advisory Committee effort on this program, the Committee should prepare and present its proposed plan to the City Council for its endorsement and support.*

*Member Nesmith's report will be scheduled for an upcoming meeting of the Committee.*

**(10) NEW BUSINESS**

*Public Works Director Pinter shared two project requests from the Marco Island City Council for the Committee's attention and action:*

*1) assessing, planning and proposing an enhanced seasonal light presentation / display at the entrance onto the Island at the Judge SS Jolley Bridge during the upcoming November - December season and;*

*2) reviewing the public beach access paths on: a) Winterberry and Collier Blvd. and; b) Maple Ave. and Collier Blvd. for improved signage, bike parking, improved layout and other beautifying proposals.*

*Mr. Pinter recommended that the Committee reach out to the Beach & Coastal Resources Advisory Committee for its insights and thoughts on item #2 (above) as well.*

*Public Comment*

*Mr. Al Benarroch (Bald Eagle Dr.) suggested that raising the lighted angels above ground level or moving them to the bullnose areas of the center medians might assist in the Committee's effort on item #1 (above).*

## **(11) COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

*Chair Connelly shared the content of a message that she had received from a resident requesting that the Committee consider ways to 'soften' the appearance of the fencing that is visible from Winterberry Ave. along the length of Calusa Park.*

*It was also noted that the Committee will be returning to a 'first Wednesday of the month' schedule and a 3:00 P.M. start for the remainder of 2021. (Editorial Note: the next meeting of the Beautification Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th at 3:00 P.M.)*

## **(12) ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Connelly adjourned the meeting at 4:26 P.M.*

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*Jim Kornas, Recording Specialist*