

Beautification Meeting - May 11, 2016

Present: Don Huprich, Fred Forbes, Lorrie Holly, Elaine Perrotta, Tish Tucker, John Fiore, Ruth Miller, Karen Lazar, Gail Gray, Ivy Arbuckle - Unavailable: Wendy Warren and Jane Shaw.

We welcomed new members Gail Gray and Ivy Arbuckle, and board representative, Lorrie Holly.

Beautification of patio and clubhouse entrance.

It was decided we need to do our "due diligence" by getting at least two more bids/estimates/plans for the patio so we can expedite the plantings in early fall for the "season". Don said he could get Calusia (shrubs at cost) planted in the bedding area inside the patio in an effort to "hide" the golf carts that are parked and can be seen from the patio and dining room. This could be accomplished immediately, and with summer rains, allow them to prosper quite well into fall. All agreed. Ivy Arbuckle will join Wendy, Tish, Jane and on this sub committee.

Jane Shaw e-mailed a suggestion regarding pavers by cart barn and water/ice machine as well as repairs of drainage pipes, painting, etc. Don agreed this needed to be looked into.

Benches - entry, around pond, pro shop porch.

Don purchased a mahogany colored polywood bench for \$499, and it has all the requirements we need for long lasting and wear ability. The Fishing Club contributed monies which will cover the cost of one bench and some additional money to be used toward the purchase of a second bench. The benches would sit on concrete & pavers. The large oak tree will be shaped this summer as we plan on wrapping the entire tree in lights for Christmas. Additionally, we would like to dress those four drainage pipes at that lake as done on #8 recently.

The wrapped lights around palms will be taken down and palm trees trimmed for summer.

Fountain at roundabout.

Jane Shaw had a suggestion that we put have a fountain to enhance our entry into Hunters Ridge. Although it would be a nice addition, it would be cost prohibitive as it would be triple the cost of replacing the current fountain at roundabout because of the needs for water and electrical installation.

We all agree that enhancing our present fountain is very important to all of our home owners as a first impression of Hunters Ridge. We must continue to move forward with improvements as our community ages and newer communities nearby vie for new buyers. We plan to purchase the fountain we approved at prior meeting to replace what is in the roundabout.

Ruth Miller introduced an idea of raising funds for beautification. Suggested was a fashion show. This could be something we could do next Spring when we are at full capacity in members. Discussion ensued regarding raising funds and introducing a letter, similar to the letter written soliciting funds for Christmas decorations. Elaine will get with Don to draft a letter from the Beautification Committee.

Gail suggested the community be consistent in light bulb colors in the mail box posts and garage lights at north villas, noting that there is quite a variance from blue to yellow. Gale offered to spearhead this in finding out which LED bulbs can/should be specifically used so we have uniform lighting.

Don asked what we would like to see planted in the "island" area where flag poles are in front of club house. John, Elaine and Tish will spearhead that.

We have set a date for the Beautification Committee to host a Tree Lighting Party on Friday, Nov. 25.

Going forward meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month - Sept. through May.

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