

Beautification Meeting March 12, 2015

Present: Fred Forbes, Board President, Elaine Perrotta, Chairperson, Wendy Warren, Barb Ingersol, Jane Shaw, Tish Tucker Absent: Sondra Parmiter, Ruth Miller

Fred said we should begin by focusing on a Mission Statement. This will be two or three sentences. We will be focusing on all grounds on the property except the golf course, and will include exterior Christmas decorations.

Elaine asked Fred what kind of budget we would have to work with. Fred said he would get that information to us by the next meeting. A budget will be key before we can begin to make additions or changes.

Regarding Christmas external decorations, Fred said we need to quickly identify what areas we want to decorate. For instance, wrapping lights around the newly planted palm trees in center island at entrance, would require running pipes and wires under the road. That would need to be done soon. Discussion ensued and all agreed this would be a definite improvement to our decorations. A suggestion was made to have a professional company decorate the palm trees. Depending on what our budget will be, we were in agreement that this would be a good solution as to who would do the decorating, and they would look good. One suggestion was having a Christmas Lighting party.

Fred suggested we focus on what is logical that we can do for the coming year, including cost. We should come up with areas we can beautify...flowers...flowering trees...He will inquire if Earth Works (our new landscape company for villas) has landscaper who we could consult. Discussion ensued regarding the round-about by the tennis courts, and the round-about in Wild Coffee and Marsh Elder. Suggestions were made, including a "Real" fountain at the round-about by tennis courts and perhaps a gazebo at WC and ME, similar to the one at end of Alfred Moore Ct. or improved flowers or flowering trees.

Fred said there is a good chance we will get more fountains on ponds. Hole 8 would be first. Wendy suggested a water feature/fountain on the patio. The area is certainly large enough for this addition and esthetically, it would look and "sound" lovely while members and guests dine on the patio.

As a committee, our initial task will be for each of us to drive around the community making notes, both POSITIVE and NEGATIVE, on landscaping, and common grounds for all "housing". Bring these notes to the next meeting

Wendy will come up with a list of 5 or 6 communities we should visit, which will be identified at our next meeting. It was decided that viewing other communities will be very helpful in identifying our needs for improvement.

The next meeting will be at 3:00 on Friday, March 27. Going forward, meetings will be on Thursdays.

Please bring to the meeting your three or four sentences for a mission statement. We will form one from our suggestions. Also be prepared to discuss your notes (positive and negative) from your drive-through of HR.