

Beautification Meeting - October 1, 2015 - 3:00 Activity Center Administrative Office

Present: Fred Forbes, Elaine Perrotta, Wendy Warren, Ruth Mill, Don Huprich

Absent: Sondra Parmiter, Jane Shaw, Barb Ingersoll, John Fiore

First on the agenda was Christmas Decorations.

Don Huprich reported that we now have power source by the HR logo (before the gate house), down Fox Ridge Dr., Hunters Ridge Dr, and island with six palm trees (after gate house). He feels confident our crews could wrap lights on palms. Suggested we do this mid Nov., and leave these lights up until spring. Don feels it will be a very attractive addition and give a good first impression.

He explained that the Jack and Board (power source) is expensive, and they have included the same on Wild Coffee Ct. and Marsh Elder Ct. for a total of \$9,000. We asked for additional power source on lawn in front of the club house for the Christmas tree. Don estimated that cost to be between \$1,800 and \$2,000. The Santa Clause cut outs will not be used going forward.

Ruth Miller who has done a wonderful job in researching outside contractors for Christmas Decorations, said as a community we can make an investment in some decorations and that the staff can execute. We could invest in a "Flower Tower" for poinsettias. They store flat and can be used for various holidays. Depending on size, price ranges from \$800 to \$1,200. Also, as we have discussed before the holisphere should be looked at as a possibility. They come in various sizes and can be wrapped in lights, hung from trees, or staked in the ground. Ruth also suggested we look into the colored "gel pack" that goes on the lights in the fountains. We had a discussion regarding the Christmas tree in front of Club House, and investing in a large artificial tree for continued use (vs. fresh trees which could be a fire hazard). Lighting. We will look into prices of string lights, wreaths, tree and holispheres and meet in a week to discuss same. Don will check with the lake company regarding the gel for pond light features.

Regarding plantings in common areas: Wendy brought up what some other communities do in planning their seasonal planting. Her suggestion was, before our two planting seasons, the committee meet with Scott Davis of Earth Works to plan the colors and type of flowers used in the common areas. She recommended we have Scott draw up plans for planting using a computer program so we could see the suggestions he has for those areas and from that we could address the scheme and make modifications. Don said our community is environmentally sensitive regarding the limit of plantings and kinds because of pesticides, etc. We have 275 acres of wetland preserve at Hunters Ridge and we need to be in compliance with the state regulations regarding plantings.

Don asked what else can we be doing for the infrastructure of our community. We said the fountain was a priority for us. He agreed and said the fountain was installed in 1998 and agreed it needed to be updated. The location right by the turn to our newly extended clubhouse needs to "pop". It should be indicative of simplicity yet enhance and protect our environment. Question was asked regarding Architect Committee discussing a change in the fountain also. Don made it clear that this project does not fall under the architect committee's function, but with the Beautification Committee.

Regarding changing plantings in the islands before the gate house, this is not our property, and we Don isn't certain there is irrigation, but he felt sure he could get approval from owner.

In closing, Don said he appreciated our committee, the desire we have to make Hunters Ridge look beautiful and our comments.

Meeting to finalize Christmas will be NEXT Friday @ 3:00 in Activity Center.