

Bel Mare Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

4/27/2022

Present: Giselle Stolper, Karren Shupe, Joanne Peters, Jay (P&L Landscaping)

Today's meeting was a walk around the grounds with Jay of P&L Landscaping. Most time was spent on front of property due to limitations on walking on Amenity Deck. Our walk-around the grounds resulted in the following observations/items. Those items with ** in front require workorders to be submitted by P&L for consideration by Bel Mare Management and Board, others are part of routine grounds/plant maintenance. P&L will need to be supervised by Bel Mare Maintenance Supervisor to ensure routine trimming/cutting/weeding work done.

1-Mulch:

Observation: While walking with Jay, we looked at ground mulch conditions. We have not replaced mulch since exterior building painting project began and many bare spots were noted. Jay recommended we consider replacing wood chip mulch with rock mulch around the building perimeter and all other areas. The committee will consider/research suggestion and submit recommendation for mulch in Fall 2022.

****Recommended Action:** The committee will consider/research suggestion and submit recommendation in Fall 2022.

2-Hedges along Front Perimeter:

Observation: 1) Hedges along front perimeter (on street side of fence) are of uneven height; 2) bald spots/dead plants in spots along perimeter are unsightly.

****Recommended Action:** P&L will submit bid to Management for cutting down/trimming/evening out bushes along front perimeter keeping a Vibernium "high" and Hibiscus "low" pattern. Cut shrubs near entry way will be kept low for visibility entering/exiting property. Cutting/leveling of other bushes will make all in line, maintain privacy, and improve appearance.

3-Annual Beds:

Observation: Annual plantings at front gate and in circles are somewhat "boring" and conventional (i.e., straight rows) in color, design/lay-out.

Recommended Action: P&L will make effort to pick 2 shades of purple vinca when at nursery. He was agreeable to altering design for placement of new plants. He requested a line drawing in spray paint by the Committee representative (Karren) prior to plant date. Committee will be notified of planting date.

4- Century Plants in Front Circle Pots:

Recommended Action: Drop earlier request to plant draping vines in planters. Leave century plants on own, but continue to regularly remove weeds growing in pots around them.

5- Ground Cover outside Building 1 Lobby

Observation: Ground-cover (jasmine) is currently planted to right and left immediately outside of building 2 lobby around the Crinum Lillies. No ground cover outside building 1 lobby.

Recommended Action: When painting of building 1 is completed, plant jasmine ground cover outside of building 1 lobby entrance similar to building 2 (around Crinum Lillies). Will improve appearance and eliminate need/cost for annual mulching that area.

4- Gold Mound Duranta behind guard house:

Observation: Space between 2 gold mound duranta plants is uneven.

****Recommended Action:** Add 3rd gold mound duranta.

5- Plant Bed to right of guard house exit (inside fence):

Observation: Getting overgrown and unruly

Recommended Action: Thin-out or remove a row of lilies to lessen over-crowding.

6- Ti plants in Circle Front of Building 2:

Observation: Red Ti plants have fading/dying leaves. Reason unknown.

Recommended Action: Remove dying leaves.

7- White Birds of Paradise/Travelers Palms

Observation: Overgrown in front of Building 2 and elsewhere on grounds

Recommended Action: Trim/clean-up hanging/dead branches of all White Birds of Paradise to “neaten-up.”

8- Bougainvilleas Alongside Garage Fence Building 1:

Observation: Overgrown

Recommended Action: Cut back

9- Jatropha Tree/Bush & Ixora Tree/Bush Alongside Garage Fence Building 1:

Observation: Dying branches on Jatropha and Ixora overgrown

Recommended Action: Cut off dead branches on Jatropha and leave green growth (see if will rejuvenate). Trim down Ixora.

10 – Sea Grape Bush next to Building 2 Rear Door Garage Exit to Pool:

Observation: Sea Grape bush is overgrown/too tall and blocking Oleander and Palm tree behind it.

Recommended Action: Cut Sea Grape bush by 1/3 so that you can Oleander and Palm behind it.

11- Amenity Deck Behind Building 2:

Observation: Border hedges around palms in all planters and beds are unevenly trimmed. Some are overgrown and/or getting too high.

Recommended Action: Even out/trim/cut shorter border hedges gradually during routine plant trimming. Trim giving an “OG edge”. Beds that are overgrown and getting too crowded. Need to be thinned out, e.g., foxtail ferns and flax plants located in beds on both sides of exit/entry level doors into building 2 need to be thinned out.

