

Bel Mare Landscape Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 2/8/2023

11:30 AM – 1:45 PM

Present: Committee members: Gigi Stolper, Karren Shupe, Joanne Peters; Maintenance Director: Brian Miller; P&L Contractor: Jay Comas (joined the Committee for Walk only)

I - Walk Around Grounds

Committee walked grounds with landscape contractor to review projects currently proposed and additional projects for future. (See Agenda Item # X below for disposition and Attached list of requested projects).

II – Review/Disposition of Proposed Projects:

- a. Deep trim of Hibiscus bushes by 50% along RDW in amount of \$575 – Approved by Committee
- b. Replacement of plants in bare area outside of Building 2 garage in amount of \$470 – Approved by Committee
- c. Deep trim by 50% all oleander plants on the Amenity Deck in amount of \$2,400. Brian has additional information on number of plants and extent of remediation work involved. He indicated he will have additional information added to the current proposal before it goes to the Board. Contractor indicated that these specific plants had not been trimmed down in regular routine maintenance as instructed last year by previous Maintenance Director causing their growth to now be extensive and requiring a chain saw. Due to not being in last year's "extra landscape services budget" the Committee did not budget for the expense in 2023. While the Committee agrees it is needed, this proposal will go to the Board for their consideration/action.
- d. Installation of new soil and mulch and replanting of tri-head palms in Amenity Deck planters in the amount of \$360 will be done and reallocated to different cost center.

III – Discussion of Planted Area Along/Bottom of Stairs to Lake Bel Mare from Amenity Deck:

Committee reviewed map of area in question behind Build 1 supplied by Bel Mare owner Deborah Sperry indicating land (based on maps and stakes in ground) where oleanders, palms and other plant materials on right side of stairs (descending) facing the Marina are on both Marina and Bel Mare property. The picnic table and surrounding shrubs and plants along the sidewalk to the Marina fall solely on Marina property. Ron Frump, Bel Mare's Board Liaison will bring this to Bel Mare Board members for discussion/resolution with Marina.

IV- Discussion of Review of Original Bel Mare Landscape Design Plans

The Committee whole heartedly agreed that a logical step before proposing re-design of plant beds on grounds and/or replacing/upgrading "tired" plant beds would be to review original

plans and develop a strategic landscaping plan to implement going forward. Bill Horton and Bob Boos have supplied some original plans and Bob Boos offered to meet briefly with the Committee to review. G. Stolper to follow up and schedule a meeting with the Committee for this purpose.

V – 2023 Landscaping Budget

G. Stolper distributed copies of the 2023 Bel Mare Board approved Landscaping Budget and provided high level review of line-item budget items. The budget will provide a roadmap to guide the Committee's proposed projects during the year.

Meeting adjourned 1:45

Minutes by G. Stolper

Notes from Walk Around Grounds on 2/8/2023
G. Stolper, K. Shupe, J. Peters, B. Miller, J. Comas (P&L)

Front of Building 1:

- 1) Bel Mare maintenance department look at trimming “dead” branches on Bougainvillea to right of building facing lobby where there appears to be no buds.
- 2) Brian asked Jay to plant 1 Bird of Paradise in bare spot in front of tree to right of building facing lobby. Currently empty space.

Guard House:

- 1) Brian will ask Jay for proposal to plant 12 foxtail ferns where indicated to fill in around Indian Hawthorne & around small palm trees in front of Guard House, Want to “fill-in” empty spaces and begin to mix in more perennials in that area. Would like 7-galloon size ferns.
- 2) Spring/Summer Annuals to be considered for replacement of geraniums in front of guard house and side of exit/entrance when time comes will be Pentas and Vincas depending on colors/types of plants available. Committee requests all new plants be 7 galloon size to fill in area as quickly as possible. More discussion by Committee re this will be needed.
- 3) Brian will ask Jay for proposal to install 2 – 7 galloon Gold Mound Durantas behind the Guard House to fill-in empty spots.
- 4) Jay to continue to watch/fertilize yellowing philodendron Xanadu in beds to right of guardhouse and in bed to left of building 2 garage.

Front of Building 2:

- 1) Brian will ask Jay for proposal for 15 jasmine in front of Building 2 to left of entrance where there are empty spots.
- 2) Brian will ask Jay for proposal to add 2 Podocarpus in front of Air Conditioner units to better cover equipment from view by filling in empty spots.
- 3) Jay to continue to watch/fertilize yellow philodendron Xanadu to left of building 2 garage (see 4 above) .

Amenity deck Behind Building 2:

- 1) Brian will call Brown’s to examine “sick” palm tree in 3rd planter in along Haben Side of building.

Amenity Deck Between Building 1 & 2:

- 1) Brian will ask Jay for proposal to add 2 Birds of Paradise in empty space along back wall on walkway between buildings.

Amenity Deck Behind Building 1:

- 1) Keep Alcahypha (red copper leaf) plants to right of social room looking at building) trimmed down and not stringy.
- 2) Keep Hibiscus bushes in planter behind social room trimmed down until we see if they come back
- 3) Brian to ask Jay to augment plants by filling in empty spots in 2 palm tree planters on either side of Hot Tub (these are planters that have rubber mulch).

Future Projects to Keep on List/Re-visit:

- 1) What to do about dying Thyallis around palm tree planters on Amenity Deck. Will be a big project
- 2) Schedule for Brown's for Palm Tree trimming in 2023
- 3) Schedule/order for inoculation of Medjool Palms in 2023
- 4) Schedule/plan for mulching grounds for 2023