

11/9/23 BCTLC Approved Meeting Minutes

Bobcat Trail CDD Landscape Committee

11/9/23 BCT Community Center 3 PM

AGENDA (revise as needed at mtg.)

1. Call to Order - Meeting started 3:06 pm
2. Roll Call/Statement of Quorum - Laura Filler, Jeff Brall, (Louise C. Unable to attend) & landscape candidates Val Duemmel & Bill Hadovski (Jim S. was unable to attend)
Sergio & Bill (LMP)
3. Approval/Adoption of Agenda - items M (Follow-up on area "F") & N (Billing issues with LMP) were added as old business, items A (Pump station off of Royal Palm) & B (Tree down in buffer zone behind Knowles house) added as new business. Motion made by Laura to approve, Jeff second.
4. Public Comment on agenda items - None
5. Reading/Approval of 10/12/23 Minutes - Motion made by Laura to approve, Jeff second
6. Reorganization of Committee/New Members - Val & Bill were individually asked by Jeff if they intended to join the landscape committee and both answered affirmative. Motion made by Laura to approve their joining the committee, Jeff second. Final approval step adding both of these candidates will be decided at CDD board's approval during November 16, 2023 CDD meeting.

- Time & Day change of meeting will be discussed moving forward.

7. Old Business:

A. "Sergio's List"/McNamee House Landscape Bed - Per Sergio, job has been completed

B. Landscape Lighting Repairs Needed in Blvd. Median Update - Kennedy Electric's availability is currently unknown due to their work load. There's a possibility they may be here by end of the year or start of the new year to resolve this issue. Meanwhile, CDD Board member Dick Burke has contacted Sergeant Electric to see if they can resolve this issue along with the tripping breakers at the gatehouse & front monuments prior to the Christmas season and impending holiday decorations

C. 2023 Budget Status - Budget year ended 9/30/2023 & we are now into the 2024 fiscal year. Laura & Jeff provided insight to Val & Bill as to how the Landscape Committee's budget works and when they may have to involve the CDD Board to vote on additional funds.

D. FPL and Palm Pruning on Commercial Monuments Update - The CDD Board & Landscape Committee is still waiting for Justin to provide feedback from FPL regarding this issue. Bill from LMP said they could remove vs. trim the tree of concern as that would be safer for their crew with a once & done result vs. ongoing trimming. Bill advised he would add this to the pending Phase IV project and hold off mulching that area until the task has been completed vs. the need to re-mulch.

E. Pump House/Woodhaven/Toledo Blade Sidewalk Growth Update - Jeff advised Sergio that tree branches overhanging the east Woodhaven sidewalk needs to be trimmed & weeds/vines need to be sprayed on both east & west Woodhaven fence. Jeff requested that a tree behind the community center have its fallen branches removed.

F. Follow-up on Lack of Weeding by LMP - Weeds are more under control and looking much better with only a few areas needing attention. LMP advised that the addition of fresh mulch & entering the dry season should minimize / prevent weed growth, but reminded all that the biggest culprit of new weeds can mostly like be attributed to the many weeds growing on the golf course.

G. Missing Shrubs Adjacent to Black /Viburnum Update - The task was completed on November 7th, 2023 & looks good.

H. Filling of Holes From Ian/Dead Trees Update - Bill advised that LMP's Bobcat is here for about a month and their crews have been instructed to look for sunken areas where soil is needed, being filled via the Bobcat. Jeff reminded LMP that the area where the fallen oak was on the commercial side still has a noticeable hole and needs to be filled.

I. Mulch Installation Update - Jeff shared with Bill of LMP that there was a gap of time between LMP's adding fresh mulch within the community with minimal to no communication from LMP, making Jeff's job difficult when approached by residents asking when the mulching project would be completed. Bill noted the issue and advised that the committee can expect clearer communication from LMP.

- The question arose from the committee to Sergio & Bill regarding the missing False Agave's that were removed and not replaced at the back gate. Bill advised he would research and get back with the committee.

J. Christmas Decorations Update - Laura advised the new net lights & ornaments have been received for a total of \$401.50 which includes the batteries needed for the wireless ornaments.

- Laura requested Jeff to confirm that the electric at the back gate is working and available or if this is something that needs to be added to Sergeant's list of electrical repairs so Christmas lighting would function.

- The community's Christmas decoration volunteer crew has been formed with a 9 am start time on November 20th & 21st, 2023.

K. BCTLC 5 Year Plan - Part of the "homework" requested from interested committee candidates was their observations regarding the 5 year plan for the community's landscape team, with existing members also bringing their thoughts & suggestions. The following is feedback per individual;

Valarie Duemmel -

- 1) Create an "adopt a spot" similar to the "adopt a highway" concept where neighbors would volunteer and help manage landscape for certain locations within Bobcat Trail
- 2) Reduce plant height in front of monuments so monument names can be clearly seen
- 3) Provide paint scheme recommendations so the internal monuments within the community can be painted during the dry season. Dave Filler mentioned that the front monuments & commercial monuments should not be painted until repaired as the cost for painting these may partially or fully covered by insurance due to damage to the monuments by Hurricane Ian. Once a paint scheme is decided, that would be passed along to Dick Burke.
- 4) Revamp & reconfigure the plantings at the front gate to help give Bobcat Trail a fresh look at the entrance. Jeff advised that the area where the front monuments are located belong to the golf course and the CDD only has permission to maintain, not reconstruct the plantings.
- 5) Suggested LMP provide an annual plant/tree sale for residents of the community

Bill Hadovski -

- 1) Asked why we do not have any trees planted with the landscape at the back gate area.

- 2) Asked if more oak trees could be added to the CDD property within the community. Jeff provided the historical details of why the majority of oaks had been removed due to sidewalk damage that created liability concerns. Further discussion suggested we consider Shady Lady trees as they don't shed their leaves (are very clean) and their roots do not impact sidewalks.
- 3) For the existing oaks within the community, shaping the trees would provide a better kept appearance within Bobcat Trail.
- 4) Removal of dead pine trees in the area known as area "F". Jeff explained how some of those trees were on CDD land with those being the landscape committee's responsibility, while other dead trees are on golf course property and up to the Master HOA to manage.
- 5) Better management of grass areas between the sidewalks & the streets. Jeff clarified that Bill was talking about those areas where houses were behind those locales, then advised that while those areas are considered CDD land, it is each homeowner's responsibility to maintain that space in front of their homes. Jeff further stated it is the Master HOA & ACC Board that can fine homeowners for not managing their respective areas between sidewalk/road.
- 6) Make the ponds within the community more accessible to residents, placing park benches for people to sit and enjoy the beauty of our lakes.

Jim Shanahan - (read by Laura Filler since Jim couldn't make the meeting)

(Summarization of Jim's suggestions) -

- 1) Additional Irrigation and new sod in green space near hole #6 on BCT.
- 2) Enhancement of monuments
- 3) Improve communications with residents, especially on specific resident concerns.

Jeff Brall -

- 1) Pricing & completing the addition for irrigation to the CDD area behind hole #6 area ("F") that use to be watered by the golf course.
- 2) The slope to the right of the community pool going towards the club house has caused ongoing dirt & mud issues for the pool's deck, restrooms and maintenance storage shed each time there is a heavy rain. Dick Burke has secured proposals to help resolve this issue, but at quite the cost (cost not specified). LMP has reviewed this area and provided a solution that would create a natural sodded ditch diverting the runoff to either side of the pool area at a cost of \$3200
- 3) Mulch enhancement project

Laura Filler -

- 1) Gatehouse looks shaby, needs cleaning/updating (solution to the "blind" problem on door & bunching tint on windows) and plant bed in front of gatehouse needs to be updated/redesigned.
- 2) Need to complete Phase IV on commercial side including irrigation
- 3) Black fence needs to be painted (Maintenance Supervisor)
- 4) Plant Shady Lady trees in area "F" along hole #6
- 5) Windows at community center need cleaning
- 6) Mulch enhancement project

L. Palmetto Palm/BCT Monument Update - (closer towards the back gate) LMP to remove existing plants/trees & add 5 Cat Palms

M. Jeff asked LMP for revised estimate for tree cutting/removal in area "F" that is only on CDD property. Current estimate includes trees in same area that are part of golf course land which is managed by the Master HOA.

N. Bill had to leave the meeting early thus Jeff will postpone this subject and have future conversation with Bill regarding duplication and early monthly billing concerns.

8. New Business:

- A. Dead tree @ pump station off Royal Palm Dr. - Sergio advised they'd remove trees/stumps in this area before next landscape meeting
- B. Mr. & Mrs. Knowles showed pic of fallen pine tree near/on their property. Jeff shared concern of damage done to homeowner lawn & irrigation when trees were removed in that area post Ian. Knoll's suggested that due to smaller diameter of tree, it could all be carried out of that area once cut vs. the need to bring in heavy equipment. Jeff requested Sergio to review situation and provide solution with written estimate.

9. Public Comment

- 1) Bob Etherton recommended for the future, Laura move to opposite side of the table now that she is chair, allowing those with limited hearing to better hear her as she speaks towards the public.
- 2) Bob Etherton suggested that the tree behind the Bailey Court monument be reviewed as it appears to need attention

10. Adjournment - Meeting concluded 5:12 pm