

Hammocks Community Association Inc.

Minutes of the Landscaping Committee Meeting
June 18th, 2024, 7:00 PM – Clubhouse and ZOOM

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Landscaping Committee was called to order by Pete Cabrera at 7:00pm.

2. Determination of Quorum

Members Present: Pete Cabrera
 Frank Perez
 Ricardo Rodriguez
 Eliana Arratia

3. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Anthony Serrone advised that Management posted notice for the meeting on all the bulletin boards throughout the community and on the association website on Friday, June 14, 2024.

MOTION

To approve the meeting minutes for the April 2nd, 2024, and May 21st, 2024, Landscaping Committee Meetings.

Motioned by: Frank Perez

Seconded by: Eliana Arratia

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Old Business

Review tree and stump removal

The Turf landscaping contract to remove trees and stumps was \$34,000. FirstService Residential is looking at trees and stumps that turf completed the work to ensure that the contract was fulfilled before payment

Review 2024 Financial through present and look ahead

Grass cutting Invoices from Turf: Up to this point The Association has paid approximately \$179,000 for 8 grass cuttings. Turf has 20 more cuts to make, and we will end up paying \$628,000 for the year for grass to be cut. The Association budgeted for \$606,000 for the grass to be cut which will be over budget by approximately \$22,000 grass cutting. Tree trimming invoices from Turf have been approximately \$91,550 to date. Green Wise will be trimming the trees for the remaining six months of the year. They will cut 14.5 days per month and charge \$1,600 per day they trim. That comes out to \$139,200 for six months. Together the Turf and Green Wise invoices will come out to \$229,750. There was \$148,000 budgeted for Tree Trimming which will put the Association overbudget by \$81,750.

Budget for 2025

In 2023 The Association budgeted \$628,000 for landscaping/grass cutting. The amount spent in 2023 was \$707,000 which was \$79,000 over budget. The Association budgeted \$187,000 for tree trimming in 2023 and spent \$329,000 which was \$142,000 over budget. Pete Cabrera proposed that for the

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budget in 2025, the lawn service be budgeted at \$647,000, the tree trimming be budgeted at \$287,000, Tree replacement be budgeted at \$100,000 and a contingency budget of \$50,000.

MOTION

To forward the first draft of the Landscaping budget to FirstService Residential for implementation to into the 2025 budget.

Motioned by: Pete Cabrera

Seconded by: Frank Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously

Green Wise Progress

Since June 3rd, 2024, Green Wise has trimmed trees from Kendall Dr. to 104 St. They missed a couple of Washingtonians going down Hammocks which will be rectified but they are on schedule. Gene will be giving a schedule for the plan moving forward. Gene's son will be cataloging the trees. There will be work orders that come in from the 18 communities for trees which need to be verified of whose responsibility it is to maintain and trim.

Review Pathway Project Progress- Frank Perez

The options for the root pruning project are to include a root barrier or not to include it. The Landscaping Committee has gotten some opinions about why the root barrier is not necessary. Gene from Green Wise mentioned that if the root is pruned properly there is no reason it should grow back. Of course, there is a difference in price.

MOTION

To advise the Advisory Board of Directors to accept the proposal from Green Wise to prune the roots along the bike path for 1,298 linear ft., after the legal team has reviewed the contract.

Motioned by: Frank Perez

Seconded by: Pete Cabrera

Motion Carried Unanimously

MOTION

To advise the Advisory Board of Directors and Receiver to accept the proposal from Southern Atlantic to replace the asphalt along the bike path.

Motioned by: Frank Perez

Seconded by: Pete Cabrera

Motion Carried Unanimously

Review sidewalk update

Frank Perez has spoken with Lazaro Gonzalez from the bridges and road division. There was a meeting that was cancelled on 6/17/2024 with Lazaro that was cancelled due to the weather. Lazaro is the only person who handles the sidewalks in the County. The meeting will be rescheduled.

Royal Palms Discussion with the County

The Committee met with the county but were not satisfied. We have scheduled a meeting with the mayor's office to discuss our concerns, hopefully this will move certain projects along.

Hurricane Recovery Contract

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The Association has two proposals for Hurricane Clean up. Whoever is chosen will come in right after a hurricane to clean up.

5. New Business

The Landscaping Committee is considering replenishing knocked down trees using \$17,000 that is currently in budget.

6. Owner Comments on agenda items

Ray Gurucharri – commented on the hurricane clean up. He stated that the public roads need to be cleared first and that we should bring it up to the mayor in the meeting that the committee members will have with them. FEMA can be contacted for hurricane clean up, as well.

7. Adjournment –

MOTION

To adjourn the landscaping meeting

Motioned by: Pete Cabrera

Seconded by: Frank Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously

The meeting of the Landscaping Committee was adjourned at 7:46pm.