

Hammocks Community Association Inc.

Minutes of the Landscaping Committee Meeting
July 16, 2024, 7:00 PM – Clubhouse and ZOOM

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Landscaping Committee has been 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

Eric Toro advised that Management posted notice for the meeting on all the bulletin boards throughout the community and on the association website on Thursday July 11, 2024.

MOTION

To approve the meeting minutes for the June 18, 2024, Landscaping Committee Meeting.

Motioned by: Pete Cabrera

Seconded by: Frank Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Old Business

Review tree and stump removal

Pete requested information on stump removal from Eric, who rode around with Turf and wrote the locations of the removals. Eric told the committee that Turf had removed 122 stumps, and around 42 to 43 dead trees. Pete then agreed that the invoice owed to Turf should be paid.

Budget for 2025

Pete: The budget for landscaping, trimming and removal was approved.

Green Wise Progress

Gene spoke about going through Hammocks Blvd. and completing some work orders at Spicewood where his supervisor, Pedro encountered someone who wanted their tree trimmed. Pedro told the resident that he could not trim the tree due to it not being in the work order and he had a schedule to follow. Pedro trimmed around the stop sign and lights due to emergency situations. He was completing the trimming of the Hammocks bld. Section afterward and then finishing up the 104th. St. areas. He would then move on to the neighborhoods.

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Update on Pathway Project Progress - Eric

Eric stated that he sent both Green Wise and Atlantic Southern Asphalt proposals to legal. They approved the Green Wise proposal but sent back some questions to be clarified by Atlantic Southern. Once Atlantic Southern clarifies the questions, then we can move forward with the project.

Review sidewalk update -Frank

Frank explained that the county person that he normally calls about meeting, always cancels on him. He was going to speak with someone else that was referred.

Royal Palms Discussion with the County- Pete

Discussed the Royal Palms with the county, but after meeting with the mayor, no results. Pete spoke about the tree replenish option. Gene recommended that we keep the same species of trees. Live oaks, Mahogany and black olives. He explained that his cost would be \$625 which is a 45-gallon installed tree or 25 gallons at \$375. He also pointed out that if they are installed, and a hurricane comes, Green Wise would unstrap the installed tree and lay it down to avoid the wind taking it and causing a catastrophe. The committee likes the idea of the live oak tree.

Ricardo had the idea of having one at 104th.St. & Killian near entrance of Juniper.

Hurricane Recovery Contract

Pete asked if legal was going with one company for the hurricane cleanup. Eric answered yes, only if it gets to be a higher category and unmanageable would they bring in another company. As of now it is Green Wise.

5. New Business

The Landscaping Committee is considering replenishing knocked down trees using \$17,000 that is currently in budget. Pete states that \$17,000 was in the budget to plant 27 new trees along Hammocks Blvd. Eric to obtain another proposal from one or two nurseries.

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. He also brought up the fact that when legal approves contracts, everyone should stick to the guidelines.

Mayra Blanco – Was asking about planting flowers in front of the entrances, especially on 88th St. Gene responded by saying that he was looking into that. He had a few in mind. She also mentioned about the light pole in her community not working.

Ricardo Rodriguez – Would like flowers that are seasonal and do not need water. Gene said that he really likes Lias. Ricardo also wanted the next tree proposal to be price detailed along with Gene's. What does the price include, and what it does not.

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Rodolfo Valdez – Mentioned that Pelican Point trees are very low and dangerous. Gene said that when he starts going into the neighborhood to do the trimming, he would take care of that situation, because those trees were not trimmed correctly to begin with. Mr.Valdez also mentioned how the sidewalk curves are in pieces. He also mentioned a pile of branches that were near the small plaza on the grass area. Eric said he will look at it and have the maintenance team clean it up if necessary.

Pete responded – The neighborhood committee is working on contacting companies for proposals for the sidewalk curves.

Frank – Asked if Mr. Valdes would like to be a committee member of the neighborhood.

Pete – Responded to Mrs. Blanco about FPL handling the lights. He told her that some may be completed by November or December of this year.

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 8:02pm.