

Tarpon Cove Community Association
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING
Unapproved Minutes

Unapproved Minutes from the Tarpon Cove Landscape Committee Meeting held on Friday, March 25th, 2016, at 9:00am, at the Tarpon Cove Community Center, Naples, Florida.

ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Members Present:

Linda Shields
Elaine Soucek
Claudia Greenleaf
Butch Fremeau
Perry DeSiato

Also Present:

David Blouir Property Manager
Michael Wentworth and Cliff Cook of Leo Jr. Landscaping

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Chairman DeSiato.

Proof of Notice:

Notice of meeting was posted in accordance with Florida State Statutes.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Director Greenleaf to approve the prior minutes; motion was seconded by Director Soucek, the motion passed unanimously.

Financials:

Director Greenleaf gave the landscape budget report. Grounds Maintenance is running on track, as it is a fixed cost. We've spent \$6120 on Palm Trimming so far, and another \$2850 has been approved but not yet invoiced. We've spent \$4101 in Hardwood Trimming, leaving \$13,624 remaining for the year. \$39,375 was spent in mulch, which was applied in December of 2015. \$2,891 was spent in Tree and Plant Replacements, with \$2711 more approved but not invoiced. (the spring walkthrough replacements were also approved at this meeting, not to exceed \$14,000) \$40 was spent in Landscape Improvements. Irrigation Repairs are tracking higher than in 2015, with \$2791 spent so far. \$75 was spent in contingency. Tree Injections haven't been done yet this year. We have \$258,085 remaining out of a total budget of \$372,284. Director Fremeau made a motion to accept this financial report, Director Soucek seconded, and the report was accepted unanimously.

Resolution Log:

Barbados at Tarpon Cove Drive

740/103- Complete- Shrubs were trimmed away from sidewalk allowing easier access in the rain.

710-780- On Hold- est 9199-\$1136 was given to address sod issues in the fronts of buildings along Tarpon Cove Drive. The sod and plant issues in the rears of the buildings will require more investigation, and are on hold until the next meeting.

Barbados at Carrick Bend Circle

866/203- est9051 Approved at prior meeting-will be planted with spring walkthrough items.

785/102- est9134 Complete- All sabal palms were trimmed away from all buildings in the community.

849/102- The tree behind the unit will be removed by Leo Jr. Once drainage is installed (by the neighborhood), plant and ground cover replacements will be discussed.

817/101- Deer are eating the shrubs in this area, nothing can be done until the deer move on.

800/202- Perry will discuss options with unit owner.

Bimini

898/201- Est 9011 to replace shrubs along walkway on hold until spring walkthrough.

946/102- On Hold- shrub replacement on hold until spring walkthrough. May be complete?

953/202- On Hold- replacement of removed tree on hold to allow grass to grow. Stump will be ground.

929/201- Requested tree will be removed during the spring walk through work.

906/201- Elaine will discuss trimming options with unit owner.

Cayman

769MS- complete.

758MS- est8978 approved at prior meeting- will plant during spring walkthrough.

749MS- On Hold- shrubs will be removed to allow firecrackers to thrive. Cliff will discuss further with owner.

678CC- est9104 Approved for \$320 to replace dead sod in side yard. On hold until good sod is available.

698CC- Est 9105 approved for \$150 to replace dead sod behind unit. On hold until good sod is available.

741MS- Request for Gardenia denied, approved shrubs will be replaced on spring walkthrough.

669MS- Request to install zoysia grass on hold until Leo Jr can inspect the area with owner, Perry, and Butch.

643MS- Denied- TREES at this location are deemed to be an owner responsibility, as they were installed by previous owner, not the community. Leo Jr does maintain the grass and shrubs. Will be discussed at the next TCCA Master BOD meeting.

643MS- Drainage and sod will be looked at between buildings before next meeting.

Martinique

Estimates 9128, 9129, and 9160 were completed.

Estimate 9130 to trim the Hong Kong Orchid will be discussed further.

Missing plants were replaced at the dumpster area.

Issues From the Committee

Director Greenleaf requested that the committee formulate a plan to deal with the sod issues throughout the community. Director DeSiato will set up a walk time for the committee.

Residents in attendance asked that the new "natural" method of trimming be changed back to the old style of squaring shrubs with the electric trimmers.

Residents also asked why it isn't possible for more trees to be removed. Director DeSiato explained the county regulations and "tree count", and Director Greenleaf noted that it is possible for us to hire a landscape architect to redesign the community, allowing trees to be removed and replaced. This option would likely cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

New Business: Spring Walkthrough

Director DeSiato explained the spring walkthrough procedure, where each representative walks their community with Leo Jr, giving each plant and area a thorough examination.

BAR TCD- Overall, there are lots of dead or dying shrubs that will be removed, and not replaced. All plantings below electric panels will be removed, with mulch being installed. A few areas with struggling plants and sod will be converted to fern. Building 720 has 56 hibiscus plants in poor condition that will be replaced. The overall cost for this neighborhood is \$2,395.

BAR CBC- Director DeSiato explained that plants near the driveways will be removed to make more space for car doors, with smaller plants being installed. Total cost for BAR CBC is \$1891.50.

Cayman- All of the dead bushes will be removed. Some areas are so overgrown that replacements will not be necessary. Total cost \$1,100.50.

Bimini- The jasmine areas along the road that have not grown will be replaced with fern. Most of the juniper will be removed behind buildings. All of the dead or dying crown of thorns will be removed. Seville sod will be installed in some areas. Four problematic Hong Kong Orchids will be removed due to the close proximity to the building. Date palms will be planted in place of the removed trees on the lake side to preserve the view from both sides of the water. Struggling flax lily will be replaced with macho fern. Total cost \$4,351.50.

Martinique- Not a lot of issues this year, but some things may need replaced next spring. A hong kong orchid will be removed at 1035. Total cost \$1419.50.

Common Areas- The committee will meet to discuss shrub replacements on all islands to restore the view of traffic along Tarpon Cove Drive, as the blocked visibility is a safety issue.

Director DeSiato made a motion to approve all items on the spring walkthrough, with undecided changes to the islands, not to exceed \$14,000. Director Greenleaf seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mike Wentworth of Leo Jr will walk the property to review all hardwood trees, and will have a tree trimming program for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Chairman DeSiato motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am, Director Fremeau seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th, at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Blouir, LCAM