

Unapproved Minutes
T.C.C.A. Landscape Committee Meeting
Held at the Tarpon Cove Community Center
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 1:30pm

Members Present:

Perry DeSiato
Elaine Soucek
Linda Shields
Claudia Greenleaf

Also Present:

David Blouir of Towne Properties and Cliff Cook of Leo Jr.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Chairman DeSiato.

Proof of Posting: The meeting was posted in accordance with state statutes.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Director Soucek made a motion to approve minutes from the February 15, 2017 Meeting, the motion was seconded by Director Shields, and the minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Review of Financial Report: Director Greenleaf gave the financial report, noting that we have had very few expenses this early in the year. Grounds Maintenance is on track at \$55,821. \$335 has been spent to date on Palm Trimming. Hardwood Trimming is at \$925 for an arbor and tree removal on Tarpon Cove Drive. Mulch was completed and paid for, spending \$34,930 out of the \$40,000 budget. Tree and Plant Replacement has used only \$1355 of \$30,000, as more of this fund will be spent during the Spring Walkthroughs. Landscape Improvements have used \$157 of \$7500. Irrigation Repair is at \$1,878 year to date, which is in line with our average of \$900-1000/month. Nothing spent in Contingency to date. Director Greenleaf is also tracking the \$10,874 rollover funds from 2016 separately on the budget spreadsheet.

Review of Resolution Log:

Barbados at Tarpon Cove Drive-

730-720- Request to remove overgrown ferns between buildings is IN PROGRESS, will try hard cutbacks first before total removal.

Barbados at Carrick Bend Circle-

817/101- Request to replace crown of thorns near sidewalk is on hold until the spring walkthrough.

800/202- Request to install colorful plantings around unit is ON HOLD until the spring walkthrough.

866/102- est ##### for \$125 to flush cut dead palm tree is COMPLETE.

841/101- Cliff will replace the two worst plants under WARRANTY, the other plants are coming back after fertilizer treatments.

793- Request to check/treat tree behind building is DENIED. Tree resides in preserve, and is dropping fronds naturally.

849/102- Estimate ##### for \$75-90 for the request to install pine straw around ferns behind 849 was approved.

Bimini-

946/102- Est 9435 to repair hedge around AC is ON HOLD until the spring walkthrough.

889/201- Request to update all landscaping around building is ON HOLD until the SPRING WALKTHROUGH.

Cayman-

639ms- Leo Jr will fill in holes and re-sod about 150 square feet near sidewalk to test longevity of grass. Area sprayed with roundup and new sod will go in next week.

765ms- Request to fill in area between homes is ON HOLD until owners install drainage.

643ms- Cliff will remove crown of thorns near hose connection at no charge. Committee will look at replacements on SPRING WALKTHROUGH.

Martinique-

995/104- Request to replace dead plants in front of unit is ON HOLD until the spring walkthrough.

1035/101- Request to replace plantings around unit and replace sod between buildings is ON HOLD until the spring walkthrough.

1015/204- Request to cut palms off of stairs is COMPLETE. Will look at longer lasting options in the future.

1045/104- Request to replace poor condition Jasmine minima ON HOLD until Cliff can price out new jasmine to add to the area.

All buildings- Owner request to replace the colorful plants and shrubs that have been removed throughout neighborhood, as it looks bare. Will be looked at on SPRING WALKTHROUGH.

Common Area-

Add new plantings to beds in front of mailbox areas. Many were removed and not replaced.

New Business:

Director DeSiato discussed the allotment of \$10,800 by the master board (unused funds from the 2016 landscape budget). Leo Jr prepared estimate #12898 for \$10,102 to "flush-cut" 29 palm trees with replacements and bed renovation where necessary, throughout Barbados on Tarpon Cove Drive. Barbados President David Tenny stated concerns over "flush-cuts" on large root balls, which are left several feet above ground when certain trees are removed. Chairman DeSiato noted that this proposal includes bed renovation in certain areas to allow the palm roots to be cut lower to the ground and/or hidden with other shrubbery. This neighborhood project will serve as a test run for a 3-4 year palm removal program throughout Tarpon Cove.

Director Greenleaf made a motion to approve estimate #12898 for \$10,102 with the total project and changes not to exceed \$10,800, Chairman DeSiato seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

A resident of Martinique requested that their neighborhood spring walkthrough date be made public for concerned residents.

Residents also asked Leo Jr to monitor the birds of paradise plantings on the Bimini island, as they did not flower this year. Cliff Cook of Leo Jr noted that the lack of flowers may be due to our irrigation issues at the end of 2016.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, April 19, at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Blouir, LCAM
Property Manager