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## **GULF BLVD. BEAUTIFICATION PLANTING AD HOC COMMITTEE** **AGENDA – TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017** **BEGINS 10:00 AM**

### **ITEM #      AGENDA ITEM**

- 1.0      Approval of the Agenda for January 24, 2017.
- 2.0      Approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016.  
(Ref. : Pgs. 2-6)
- 3.0      Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Wave of easements for approval.
- 4.0      Update on the signs project schedule and planting schedule.
- 5.0      Volunteers for St. Patrick's Day booth.
- 6.0      Discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> wave timeline and implementation duties.
- 7.0      Adjourn

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Mayor

**Patrick C. Soranno**  
Vice Mayor

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Town Attorney

**GULF BLVD. BEAUTIFICATION PLANTING AD HOC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016**

**The Gulf Boulevard Beautification Planting Ad Hoc Committee convened at 10:00 A.M.** Those present were: Vice Mayor Soranno, Bob Brotherton, Art Newsome, John Yackowski, Mark Housman, Tom King, Mike Hackerson, Gene Thompson, Larry Schear, Karl Olander, James Ryan, Gary McPherson, and Claudia Riva.

**Absent:** Chief Terry Hughes, Nancy DeNardo, Katrena Hale, Janet McKee, June Steding, Nick Menchise, Patrick McCrink, Pat Plumlee, Curtis Westphal, and Susan Daddono.

**Also Present:** Bonnie Dhonau, Bill Jones, and Darlyn Stockfish.

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**1.0    Approval of the Agenda for October 17, 2016.**

**Motion by Art Newsome** - seconded by **Mark Housman** to approve the Agenda for October 17, 2016. **Motion carried 13-0.**

**2.0    Approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016 and Sub Committee Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2016 (Ref: Pgs 1-7).**

**Motion by Art Newsome** - seconded by **Mark Housman** to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016 and Sub Committee Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2016. **Motion carried 13-0.**

**3.0    Review of proposed landscape architect contract for completion of Gulf Boulevard Beautification Project.**

**Vice Mayor Soranno** reported that instead of completing the current contract with Terra Tectonics Design Group, we would amend the Agreement to include preparation of all bidding documents, selection of contractors, supervision of the project including the irrigation portion and an increase in his cost not to exceed \$73,250.

Total cost of project is still estimated at \$875,000.

**Gene Thompson** mentioned that it's been a couple of months and we still don't have answers from Terra Tectonics on questions and changes to the plantings that some of the property owners proposed.

**Mark Housman** said that he had two utility issues he wanted to make sure were addressed.

**Bill Jones** confirmed that Terra Tectonics is reviewing and evaluating all the changes and that none of the requests were too elaborate. Terra Tectonics should be getting back to us soon.

**Vice Mayor Soranno** reminded the Team to be sure they are ok with the contract that goes to bid because they will be the ones talking to the residents involved.

**Karl Olander** inquired as to when Jonathon Toner (Terra Tectonics) will have the final planting plans by property completed, and it was confirmed that 30 days after the contract has been signed he is to have the plans finished.

**Mark Housman** asked Bill Jones to make the changes on his master plan so that they could meet with the some of the property owners again prior to Jonathon's final plans if necessary.

**Vice Mayor Soranno** said that if it makes sense to move something, make sure Bill knows and it gets into the plan. If the contractor runs into problems with the planting, the Team Leader and Property Owner will be contacted.

**Karl Olander** asked when we think we will actually start planting, and **Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** reported that best case would be February 2017.

**Motion** by **Art Newsome** - seconded by **Larry Schear** to approve the proposed landscape architect contract and take it forward to Council for approval. **Motion carried 13-0.**

**4.0 Review of petitions submitted by Julie Buffington to save the Tabebuia Trees.**

**Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** noted that they did a lot of work to get all the signatures on the petition.

There was discussion on what the significance of the petition was, that some of the signatures were not legible, there were no corresponding addresses, some were not residents, and whether there is a Town requirement that signatures needed to be registered owners in Indian Shores, etc.

**Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** reiterated that this is a petition for Council's consideration not a referendum. It's not incumbent upon us to verify the number and validity of the signatures but base our recommendation to Council on what the project goal is.

**Mark Housman** reminded the team that Jonathon Toner's design was for a rhythm of trees and plants throughout town and that was incorporated into the design. Every deviation from that takes away from the intent.

Discussion continued mentioning that the Tabebuia trees only bloom a few weeks out of the year and are a "messy" tree. Jonathon Toner included both small and large trees that flower a good part of the year in the project plan. We might be taking four (4) trees out but are adding dozens of trees and plants that would be an enhanced benefit to the environment including hardwoods.

**Tom King** stated that this would be setting a precedent. We don't know what other requests we will get and cannot make everyone happy.

**Claudia Riva** said that we have done a lot of research as a joint committee, and the current plan has flowering year round, and we cannot do everything for everyone.

**Motion** by **Art Newsome** to reject the petition and stay with the original plan. Further discussion ensued and the **Motion was amended** by **Art Newsome** to read the Petition has been considered and the Committee has decided that they would recommend to stay with the Gulf Boulevard Streetscape Plan as proposed by Terra Tectonics based on aesthetic and environmental benefits. **Motion carried 13-0.**

### **5.0 Project Status Report (see handout)**

**Bill Jones** reported that there were 44 signed landscape easements. He explained that the stickers on the Easement Map are color coded as follows:

- Green = Easement Signed
- Blue = Easement Signed with Conditions
- Yellow = Easement Not Signed - Questions Pending
- Pink = Awaiting Board/Owner Approval
- Red = Will not sign Easement

There is a good portion of Gulf Boulevard impacted by the plan already in Phase 1.

Once we have all the input and properties lined up and have final plans, we will take the easements back to the property owners to confirm the plan.

**Larry Schear** inquired as to whether the Town would pay the property owner for use of the easement say \$1 or some small increment, and this probably will need to be addressed as we finalize this project.

### **6.0 Plan for next Wave**

**Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** reported that he and Art Newsome will be meeting with Bob Bradley about the Hunter property, and if we get approval, his property will be included in Phase 1. There may be some additional properties included in Phase 1 as we proceed.

Pat mentioned that he would refigure the teams some for better town coverage. Also Mike Hackerson has offered to step in and is working on

the south side of Town, and Gary McPherson has volunteered to help the Team. Chief Hughes is talking to the Civitan Club.

**Art Newsome** and **Tom King** also volunteered to help out getting with owners on the south side of Town if needed.

**Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** stated that the right-of-way properties are critical at this time. We need to talk to Mahuffers about our planting and what we will be doing there.

**Gary McPherson** informed the team that he will get with the Verizon/Frontier property owners (198<sup>th</sup> GB). **Action Item: Bill Jones to get Gary a packet.**

**Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** reported on the project timeline that around November 18 the final package should be completed and that "shovels in the ground" would most likely begin in February/March 2017.

**Bob Brotherton** reiterated that the Terra Tectonics contract can be change-ordered after it is signed if need be.

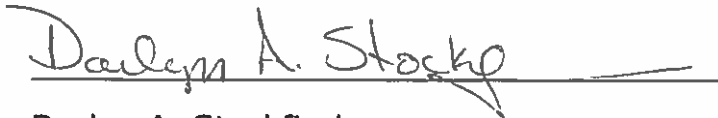
**Vice Mayor Pat Soranno** reported that the second wave of planting would probably begin in Fall 2017, and if a third wave is needed, then we will build that in.

If you have missing contact information, send it to Bill, and he will send it out to see if anyone has information for that property. ISPOA is a good resource and may be able to help out with contacts.

The Team should make sure to get any exceptions or questions they have to Bill Jones.

**Jim Ryan** brought up that there are a few "limbo" properties that don't have anything proposed to plant. We can ask Jonathon to look at those again and put something in if possible.

**The Gulf Boulevard Beautification Planting Ad Hoc Committee  
adjourned at 3:15 P.M.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlyn A. Stockfisch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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