

**Minutes**  
**Beautification Board**  
**June 6, 2008**

Pursuant to Public Notice, Chairman Bill Mayer convened a regular meeting of the Beautification Board on Friday, June 6, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in Council Chamber. Those present were Chairman Bill Mayer, Scotty Culp, Judith Kraemer, Ann Lombardo, Jane Mandeville, Chuck Meacham, Public Works Representative Phil Cline, and Recording Secretary Leonor Olexa. Deborah Anders and Council Liaison Dominick Montanaro were unable to attend the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:      May 2, 2008**

Chairman Bill Mayer asked for review of the minutes.

**ACTION:** Scotty Culp MOVED, SECOND Jane Mandeville to approve the May 2, 2008 minutes as submitted. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**PHIL CLINE, PUBLIC WORKS REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Cline reported that Public Works is currently working on a landscape plan for a park that will be located at the Gemini Property. This park will have a play area for children, yoga pad (deck) for adults, and native plants throughout the park. The Board asked if there would be parking at this location. There will be no parking. Chairman Mayer stated the agreement to allow additional units at the Ramada site in exchange for this land was a positive outcome.

As a follow-up to the discussion about the Florida Nursery Growers and Landscapers Association Award, Mr. Cline stated that in order to meet the two-year criteria, the Board will have to wait until next year to submit Steve Rogers' landscape design at Pelican Beach Park.

• **PELICAN BEACH PARK/DESOTO PARK/SPORTS COMPLEX**

Mr. Cline stated Public Works is maintaining the parks. Scotty Culp noticed that Scotty's Garden appeared dry and asked for an update on the adjustment to the irrigation. Mr. Cline stated he would make sure that the irrigation personnel correct the watering problem.

**LANDSCAPE AWARD – NONE THIS MONTH**

There were no submissions for this month. Scotty Culp nominated 145 Park Avenue for next month. Chairman Mayer reminded the Board that at least two nominations are required to select a winner for the Landscape Award.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chairman Mayer reported that of the \$19,938.00 fund balance in the Beautification Board Trust Fund, \$405.00 of that amount is for Scotty's Garden. Scotty Culp explained that at her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration Pat Santos asked what she would like to have as a gift and she replied "I would like a garden". Ms. Santos established Scotty's Garden and was responsible for collecting some of the donations totaling \$405.00. The Satellite Beach Woman's Club, Conservation Chairman Beth Davison donated \$50.00 to Scotty's Garden for the last two years as her project. That project has ended and there will be no more donations to Scotty's Garden. Any additional money should remain in the Beautification Board Trust Fund leaving Scotty's Garden with a zero balance. Scotty has volunteered many years with the City and the local schools, and has a

desire to beautify the City without financial assistance from Scotty's Garden. Jane Mandeville and Judith Kraemer indicated that Scotty's Garden is on public property and those funds should be used to help pay for beautifying it.

**ACTION:** Scotty Culp MOVED, SECOND Ann Lombardo to approve \$50.00 be used for Scotty's Garden and any additional money will remain in the Beautification Board Trust Fund. **VOTE:** THREE AYES, TWO NAYS (Jane Mandeville and Judith Kraemer). **MOTION CARRIED THREE TO TWO.**

### **LICENSE PLATES**

Scotty Culp stated the following license plates were sold: four at the Police Department, two at Wachovia, and Mr. Reed purchased one for a total of \$35.00 this month.

### **CHERYL GITLIN – CRA COORDINATOR**

Ms. Gitlin stated the landscape plan that was submitted on behalf of VFW with an easily readable legend would be the standard for future meetings. The Beautification Board stated that the color copies make it easier to understand the landscape plan and suggested putting the legend on the same page as the landscape plan when possible. The Board appreciated the overall concept.

### **LANDSCAPE PLAN – VFW POST #4643, INC. – 1252 HIGHWAY A1A**

Commander Ken Blossom was present to answer any questions the Beautification Board had about the landscape plan. In response to questions by the Board, Commander Blossom stated that the Agave has been removed and the parking lot will be paved. Public Works Representative Phil Cline suggested using the Dwarf Oleander at this location due to standard Oleander's high maintenance.

**ACTION:** Scotty Culp MOVED, SECOND Jane Mandeville to approve the VFW landscape plan with the recommendation to use Dwarf Oleander. **VOTE:** ALL AYES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **TREE PLANT SALE RESULTS**

Okie Lopresti wanted to make a donation for the tree/plant sale. Chairman Mayer requested that he mail the donation to Scotty Culp. The donation from Mr. Lopresti has not been received yet and the Board asked Recording Secretary Leonor Olexa to research if Mr. Lopresti sent the check to City Hall and report back at the next meeting. Scotty Culp will also call Mr. Lopresti and find out if he has sent the check yet. Mr. Sage donated \$10.00. The Board stated a lot was sold at the plant sale and the amount of time was just right for the crowds. The results of the plant sale will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **DISCUSS BYLAWS**

Chairman Mayer opened discussion of the bylaws and stated the Secretary (elected) should be deleted because the Board has a secretary that is staffed personnel. Ann Lombardo requested the Board wait until Councilman Montanaro is present to discuss the bylaws so that he will be able to any answer questions.

**ACTION:** Judith Kraemer MOVED, SECOND Ann Lombardo to postpone discussion of the bylaws until the next meeting when Councilman Montanaro will be present for clarification. **VOTE:** ALL AYES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Mayer introduced Building Official John Stone. Mr. Stone explained the reason for his memo was to make sure that the Building Department submits what is required for the Beautification Board to review and establish when property owners are not required to submit information to the Board. Mr. Stone stated it is important not to discourage property owners that want to beautify their property by making the process difficult. The Board discussed the following issues:

- A property owner is required to submit a new landscape plan using the approved plant list to the Beautification Board.
- If the property owner is adding to an approved existing landscape plan, it is recommended they use the approved plant list but do not have to go before the Board.
- Landscape plans that are CRA funded are required to be submitted to the Beautification Board.
- When the approved plant list (salt tolerant and drought resistant) is used it not only saves the property owner in replacement cost but also ensures the plants survivability and beautifies the City.

**ACTION:** Judith Kraemer MOVED, SECOND Scotty Culp that all new landscape plans should be submitted to the Beautification Board, that plants added to an existing landscape plan should come from the approved list, and that additions to an existing plan do not have to be reviewed by the Board. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

**ACTION:** Judith Kraemer MOVED, SECOND Ann Lombardo in addition to the motion above all CRA funded landscape plans go before the Beautification Board. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Scotty asked about the Board shirts. The Board members were able to swap shirts and all members now have shirts. Recording Secretary Leonor Olexa reported that the cost to purchase a shirt from Florida Boy is approximately \$26.00.

Chairman Bill Mayer stated the next meeting falls on the Fourth of July holiday and therefore, the Board will meet July 11, 2008. Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Leonor Olexa  
Recording Secretary