

Hammocks Community Association Inc.

Minutes of the Landscaping Committee Meeting
May 21, 2024 – 7:00 PM – Clubhouse and ZOOM

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Landscaping Committee was called to order by Pete Cabrera at 7:04pm.

2. Determination of Quorum

Members Present: Pete Cabrera
 Frank Perez
 Ricardo Rodriguez
 Eliana Arratia

3. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Anthony Serrone advised that Management posted notice for the meeting on all the bulletin boards throughout the community and on the association website on Friday, May 17th, 2024.

MOTION

To table the meeting minutes for the April 2nd, 2024, Landscaping Committee Meeting until next meeting.

Motioned by: Pete Cabrera

Seconded by: Frank Perez

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Old Business

a. Review Tree and Stump removal.

- I. Turf was hired to remove dead trees and remove stumps throughout the community. They have gone through the community and said they completed the job. We have to make sure that they complete the job before they get paid.

b. Discuss Tree Planting with the County

- I. The County has been reached out to see what the next steps of the Tree Planting project would be and the committee is waiting to hear back from them.

c. Orchid Project \$2,000

- I. The committee believes that we should move this project until next year. It is around \$17,500 to get completed and it is a hot time of year.

5. New Business

a. Review Financial for February, March, April and May.

- I. Pete Cabrera reviewed the charges from January-May that were paid to Turf and reviews the amount of days that Green Wise group will be in the neighborhood per month (14.5 days per month) from June- December. \$229,000 will be incurred for tree trimming in 2024. The budget was

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\$148,00 for tree trimming. Turf charging \$22,000 per month to cut the entire neighborhood.

b. Budget for 2024

- I. Pete Cabrera reviewed the budget that was presented to the Landscaping Committee and the variance that we might see at the end of the year given what was budgeted and what is being spent (approx. \$180,000). Melissa Vazquez will be putting together a budget, and the committees will be able to suggest what they want to see on the budget. Pete Cabrera reviewed the amount of cuts that are budgeted per year (28 per year). It was discussed that moving forward we will use the actual amounts spent from 2023 and 2024, which is the historical data that we have available, to build the next budget.

c. Green Wise Moving Forward

- I. Green Wise starts cutting the trees on June 3rd, 2024. They will have a schedule going forward and will give us updates on what they have done every Friday. The schedule is tentative as things can change due to emergencies, work orders, etc. Gene Sherwood, the owner of Green Wise, went over what he will be cutting.

d. Discuss Tree Trimming Needs in our Roadways

- I. Pete Cabrera, Anthony Serrone, Judge Gersten, and Frank Perez met with Miami-Dade County to see if they were responsible for certain trees in the roadways. The answers from Miami Dade County were not sufficient and Judge Gersten and the Landscaping Committee are trying to go up the chain of command to see if we can get better results.

e. Review Pathway Project

- I. Frank Perez stated that we are waiting for more proposals to be submitted to asphalt and the root pruning project which are two different projects. Once we have the proposals, we can make a recommendation on who to go with to the Board of Directors.
- II. **Sidewalk project** – Frank Perez reported sidewalks to 311. They said that it could take up to 30 days to hear back from the department responsible for repairing the sidewalks. The day after the meeting will be 30 days so he will have a better update the following day.

f. Discuss Royal Palms with the County

- I. As discussed above, Miami-Dade County is not taking responsibility for the trees/palms in the medians and The Committee, along with Judge Gersten, are going to try to go higher up the Chain of Command in Miami Dade to get help in taking care of these trees.

g. Hurricane Recovery Contract

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- I. In the event of a hurricane, the association needs a company that will come to the community as a top priority and get the roadways clear, remove dangerous limbs, do disaster clean-up, etc. so that the neighborhood is safe. To do that, the companies that offer this have a hurricane clean-up contract that encompasses what they will do and at hat prices that should be signed before the hurricane season.

h. Discuss 18 Neighborhoods

- I. **How do we split up** – Kristen Gurucharri is the head of the neighborhoods so we can lean on her to tell us what each neighborhood wants and needs.

6. Owner Comments

a. No Owner Comments

7. Adjournment -

Motioned By: Pete Cabrera

Seconded By: Frank Perez

The meeting of the Landscaping Committee was adjourned at 8:05pm