

Meeting of the Environmental Resources Advisory Board held in the Town Hall Commission Chambers on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was attended by Town Manager Dunham, Deputy Town Clerk Herrmann and the following members: Bud Aaskov, Kim Beaumont, Jerry Goray and Jerry Lower.

II. Approval of April 26, May 31 and June 7, 2000 minutes

The minutes could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

III. Presentation of site plan for the entry sign landscaping and landscaping for Woolbright Road

Town Manager Dunham introduced Mike Champagne of Kilday & Associates, the firm hired to design the landscape plans for the entry signs and Woolbright Rd. He added that the staff is currently trying to complete the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful grant application which is due on June 30, 2000.

Mr. Champagne stated that the greatest challenge was in defining the rights-of-way. Regarding the north entrance sign, he stated that it would be placed on the west side of A1A far enough over to allow for a deceleration lane that DOT wants to place near the Inlet Park. He advised that site issues were also discussed with FP&L regarding this site. He explained that he would be placing Crown of Thorns and Spider Lily in front of the sign with Silver Buttonwood and Sabal Palmettos as the backdrop. Mrs. Beaumont stated that she would like a more high class tree than the Sabal Palms in that area to which Mr. Champagne explained they had to pick trees which would not grow tall enough to interfere with the power lines. Mr. Lower suggested placing a Thatch Palm instead to which Mr. Champagne stated that because they are so small combined with the speed of the traffic in the area, passing motorists would not see them.

Regarding the Ocean Ave. sign, Mr. Champagne explained that it would be placed at the base of the bridge in an area that is currently unfinished. He stated that there would be Sabal Palms planted behind the monument which would be the same as the other palms currently planned for the street. He explained that he would be using Lantana depressa and Tripacum dactyloides as the groundcover. He added that there would be room available if the Garden Club wanted to plant annuals in front of all of the monuments as well.

Regarding the Woolbright Road landscaping, Mr. Champagne advised that they would be using Wild Coffee in the understory to try and screen the view of the homes on Waterview Drive. Chairman Aaskov stated that he did not feel the Wild Coffee was a good choice as he felt it was too sparse. Mr. Champagne explained that there is already some ground level vegetation in the area that he was only trying to thicken up. He advised that he would review to see if something more solid is needed. Chairman Aaskov advised that there is not a lot of sunlight to this area.

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Tom Horton arrived at the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Mr. Champagne advised that there would be many Coconut Palms placed in the area between Midlane Rd. and N Ocean Blvd. with a variety of shrub plantings for the background. He stated that the sign would be in the same location as the existing entrance sign. Chairman Aaskov stated that he did not want to crowd the Black Mangroves which are currently in the intersection. He added that consideration needs to be given to the traffic site line when coming out of Midlane Rd. onto Woolbright.

Mr. Lower stated that he felt there was a very good core of native vegetation at the property donated to the Town from the National Wildlife Federation which is degraded by this choice of plantings at the intersection. Mr. Champagne stated that they were addressing the outer area and not changing the native vegetation. Town Manager Dunham stated that in the plans for a passive park on that property, the concentrated vegetation would be aired out once the invasives are removed. Mr. Champagne advised that they could take the proposed vegetation for the corner of Midlane and Woolbright and pull it back from the intersection filling the new area with more coastal strand vegetation.

Mr. Champagne stated that they would be placing Ixora with the remaining Philodendron at the southwest corner of A1A and Woolbright. Town Manager Dunham pointed out where the Dorothy Whitney Donation monument would be placed near the National Wildlife Property.

Mr. Champagne stated that the landscaping for the monument at the south end would be similar to that of the north end, but using Jasmine, Philodendron and Pygmy Date Palm. He stated that there is also an issue with the power lines at this location so the trees can not be too tall.

Mr. Lower questioned if it was intentional for the landscaping to be different at each location to which Mr. Champagne stated that he wanted each section to be unique with room at each one for the Garden Club to plant annuals similar to all locations.

Mr. Champagne then described the irrigation services for the landscaping. He stated that the south end will tie into the neighbor's (Turtle Creek) irrigation or the Town will use their pump truck for it. He explained that the Woolbright landscaping would be on city water, the north end would be on County water and Ocean Ave. would tie in with the irrigation for the landscaping of the bridge project. Chairman Aaskov questioned how the north side of Woolbright near the bridge would be irrigated to which Mr. Champagne stated that once the water line is located, they will run a line from it to the opposite side of the street.

Mr. Lower stated that he was disappointed in the low amount of native material used. He added that he felt the grant application may be turned down because of this low percentage. Chairman Aaskov suggested that Cocoplum, a native material, be placed along Woolbright instead of the Ficus hedge being recommended. Mr. Champagne stated

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that he was not aware that using native plant materials would be beneficial in applying for the grant. Town Manager Dunham stated that when he has spoken to the County, this benefit has never been mentioned.

Mr. Champagne stated that he would consider the suggestions from the board when making some adjustments to the plan especially in the area of Woolbright Rd.

IV. Presentation of final report to Town Commission – Jerry Lower

Mr. Lower stated that at the sub-committee meeting of June 7, 2000, he and the other members developed a framework of what Chairman Aaskov could present to the Town Commission as a final report. He stated that they wanted to include their desire for the board to continue. Chairman Aaskov stated that he believed the Town Commission wanted to form one board from the two advisory boards using some of the current members. He added that he felt this board (ERAB) was more active than the UIAB and that he appreciated all the work of its members.

Mr. Lower distributed what he wanted to present as the final report which had as its body a section of the minutes from the June 7th sub-committee minutes. He asked if the board had any suggestions or additions for the list to which none of the board members did.

Chairman Aaskov suggested that if the Town Commission combine the two boards into one, that they try to have a good representation from all areas of the Town even if it requires districting the Town.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Attest By:

Town Clerk