

## **Subject: April 8, 2016 Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

**The Palm Valley Community Association Beautification Committee meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup> as planned. It was an excellent meeting with lots of discussion and participation by the members.**

**The Beautification Committee discussed the following initiatives:**

**A. The planting of trees in three locations in the Palm Valley area including Crepe Myrtles along the west side of Palm Valley Road between Odoms Mill and Plantation Oaks, Willow trees around the retention pond west of the roundabout, and Oak trees along the north side of Mickler east of the roundabout.**

- Permits are about to be finalized**
- Next step is to create a Plan defining the cost of the trees, a long-term maintenance plan to ensure the sustainability/responsibility of maintaining them and the funding sources to make it happen.**

**1. Garry will give Mike a contact at Nocatee to help with where to purchase the trees**

**2. Mike will contact the maintenance person at the Plantation to see what the cost may be to water and maintain the Crepe Myrtles along Palm Valley Road (Crepe Myrtles may need a couple of years of maintenance – water and trimming; oaks and willow trees would need some water initially until the rain season). Sustainability and maintenance of the plantings is paramount, especially, in the early stages.**

**4. A cost for purchase and maintenance of the trees will be calculated - price each tree based on purchase price**

and the sustainable maintenance plan.

5. This initiative will be presented to the HOAs at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the community center

6. Depending on HOA, PVCA and public financial response, create plan for “marketing” trees to contributors and begin implementation of the plan.

**B. Working with St. Johns County to gain approval and take responsibility for the maintenance of the roundabout, the three entrances, and the retention pond**

- Garry to meet with St John’s County representative to determine timeline for county to agree to turn over maintenance to PVCA.

- Mike and Vicki to check with Plantation Oaks maintenance team to get an estimate of what it would cost to maintain the roundabout as currently configured.

- Mike says a landscaper may be willing to maintain the roundabout with just a plaque stating roundabout maintained by \_\_\_\_\_

- Initial plan to just maintain roundabout and surrounding entrances with the current plantings and then develop a long-term plan for design and enhancement of this area

- Once maintenance costs are known, determine how to fund – HOAs / Corporate Sponsorships,etc.

**C. Create landscaping plan for the Palm Valley community Center**

- Mike recommended discussing a longer term plan for the community center – The Palm Valley Community needs to develop a Vision Statement of what they want the Community Center to be in the future.

- Short-term, the overall outside area will be maintained

**and updated with appropriate materials. A scheduled workday on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 12 noon (continuing to finish what was started if needed) at the community center and all members will be invited to come and work**

- **Mike and Vicki will meet Thursday evening, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 600pm prior to the Event Committee meeting to discuss details of the workday and define a list of items that need to be procured. Anyone who would like to give input is welcome to come to the meeting.**

**Mike Campbell**