

Committee Members in Attendance: Brooks Goedeker, Angie Butz, Irene Dobberstein Nancy Nafe, John Nekola and Tony Marrocco

Absent: Jenny West, Nicole Gillick, Monica Groth Farrar, Sarah Kelly and Peggy Meyer

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM

- Reviewed list of beautification projects for 2026.
- Trimming trees with a grant from MCD. Meeting with Davey Tree service is next week so more information coming after the meeting
- Community Garden. The committee members present voted to give the community garden \$2000 to be used at their discretion.
- Mural at Morganford and Bates. The cost of the mural has been budgeted for 2026. No final design at this time.
- Refresh the planter and add more waterings. Focal Point will water 3 times per week unless needed due to rain. They will water raised planter beds and free standing planters located currently on various streets. Focal Point will do all plantings.
- Grass cutting in parkways. Positive feedback and in the budget for 2026.
- Leaf removal in parkways. Positive feedback and in the budget for 2026.
- Hedge Hogs. AKT Studios will complete the job with collaboration from a previous artist (Mitchell) who could not complete the job.
- Light on mural on Loughborough. Geoffrey Seitz (building owner) has given us approval to light tight the mural using electricity from the building. Lighting will be pointed downward. Still working on this project.

For the Future:

- Rip rap project that Infrastructure is working on.
- More planters or other products from AKT studios possibly at traffic calming areas. Under discussion.
- More holiday decor on other streets. On going discussion both regarding more decorations and likes and dislikes of current decorations.
- Additional tree trimming. Brooks would like to see more tree trimming in the Holly Hills Parkway west of Leona.
- Circle Medallions on light poles. No current discussion.
- Holiday Decorations. The garland around the light poles needs a bit more color and zing to them. Wreaths look lost on the light poles.
- Hedge Hogs SBD paid the artist Mitchell \$10,000 and he made the forms for the hogs but was unable to complete the project. AKT Studios took over the project and for \$10,000 will complete the project and deliver the hogs. There will be 6 hogs and final placement of hogs yet to be determined. The original cost of the project was \$20,000 and thus it appears after all this time, the project came in as budgeted.
- Discussion about Russian sage plants at the Holly Hills/Leona circle, they are too tall and need to be trimmed. The question is does Focal Point trim the plants. Answer pending.
- John Nekola and Nancy Nafe will research shrubs/plantings for areas in the parkways. Fleur de Lis planters were discussed for the parkways but the committee is not in favor.
- Bellerive neighbors are continuing their efforts to get a panel or solar lighting for the entry marker to Bellerive at Grand Ave.

Motions that passed:

- Original tree pruning by Davey along with the MDC grant. Passed
- 6 free standing planters on Bates and Grand Ave. \$16,000 Passed
- Hedge Hogs Passed
- Mulching in the area above the mural at Holly Hills and Coronado Passed

Multiple handouts regarding the budget and money earmarked for services by Focal Point. Further discussion probably needed.

Available Funds \$134,775.00

Projected spending at this time \$132,878.00

Public Comment:

Bellerive neighbors like the Holly Hills sign in the raised planter but have a concern that the words Holly Hills cannot be easily seen due to the evergreen tree behind the sign. They are strategizing this concern. Regarding mural at Bates and Morganford the discussion leaned toward the mural should reflect the neighborhood not the business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.