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**CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA
MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
November 11, 2009
Melbourne City Hall – Council Chamber
900 East Strawbridge Avenue
Melbourne, Florida**

A meeting of the Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee was held at the Melbourne City Hall, 900 E. Strawbridge Avenue, this date, called to order by Chairman Betty Moore at 8:30 a.m.

- 1. All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. The following members and staff were:**

Present:	Betty Moore	Chairman
	Celeste Henry	Vice-Chairman
	Tom Belanger	Member
	Darlene Smith	Member
	Ronald Strandjord	Member
	Leanne Hensley	Member
	Mary Ann Bowman	Leisure Services Director
	Jeff Dawson	Parks Administrator
	Barbara Smith	Principal Secretary
Absent:	Dennis Meehan	Member
	Alexis Johnsten	Member

- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – October 14, 2009**

Motioned by Strandjord/Belanger to approve the October 14, 2009 minutes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. “We Noticed Award”

There were no nominations for the “We Noticed Award”.

5. Arbor Day

Chairman Moore advised that Mr. Tom MacCubbin was not available since he was already committed for that date. Mary Ann Bowman stated that perhaps we wouldn't need a guest speaker if Our Lady of Lourdes were going to put on a program. Tom Belanger recommended Mr. Brown from Valkaria Gardens. Ms. Moore advised that she would contact Our Lady of Lourdes and if they were not available she would contact Mr. Brown. Ms. Moore advised that as part of the garden club she has met him on several occasions and he would be a great speaker, however, she was not sure he was still doing that sort of thing anymore.

Jeff Dawson reviewed with the board his research on seedlings to give away. The two seedlings that were available and were of good size were the Pop Ash and the Bald Cypress. The Pop Ash will grow in height between 30-40' and have a spread of 20'.

Motioned by Hensley/Henry to give out Pop Ash seedlings on Arbor Day.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Leanne Hensley mentioned that there were specific nursery's that carry only native plants, in Melbourne Beach and also on 192. We may be able to incorporate them into the Arbor Day celebration. Mr. Dawson stated that he would keep them in mind.

6. Beautification of Sarno Road

Mr. Dawson distributed to the board a drawing of the area on Sarno Rd. where the plantings would go, between Croton Rd. and Tomkins St. Mr. Dawson suggested leaving the existing Palm Trees and add 13 new Palms and wild flowers. Mr. Dawson asked the board what trees they would like planted there. Currently there are Washingtonian Palms.

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Mr. Dawson advised the board that he could purchase 12-14' Sabal Palms for roughly \$150.00 apiece while the same size Washingtonian's would be between \$300.00 and \$500.00 apiece. Chairman Moore inquired as to the Keep Brevard Beautiful grant. Mr. Dawson responded that those funds were for Post Rd. Ms. Moore then asked if we were able to use the Code Enforcement fine money. Ms. Bowman responded yes, for the trees. Discussion followed on the similarities between Sabal and Washingtonian Palms. Chairman Moore stated that there was roughly \$10,00.00 available in the fine account. Ms. Bowman replied that the funds were for Eau Gallie Blvd., Post Rd. and Sarno Rd. Ms. Moore asked how much was needed for Eau Gallie and how much was needed for Post. Mr. Dawson replied Post Rd. would cost about \$4,500.00 less the \$1,000.00 KBB grant and Eau Gallie Blvd. would cost around \$2,000.00. Ms. Moore stated if the board went with the Washingtonian Palms, they would just about break even with the fine funds. She asked the board for their input. Tom Belanger and Celeste Henry prefer the Washingtonian Palms, they are nicer to look at and since there are already some there, this would be consistent. Leanne Hensley stated maintenance would be easier also.

Motioned by Smith/Henry to plant Washingtonians on Sarno Road between Croton Road and Tomkins St.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Staff Report

Chairman Moore inquired as to the status of the entranceway signs. Ms. Bowman responded that it is proceeding forward. Ms. Hensley inquired if the signs were being retrofitted for the lighting. Staff responded yes. Ms. Hensley stated that the Design Committee needs to know if the solar lighting will be able to be mounted to the signs, because it doesn't seem to be being built as to the way the drawings were done. Ms. Bowman stated it is being built per the specs minus the solar lighting; however, there will be a place for the lighting. Ms. Bowman suggested that Ms. Hensley contact Rory Dittmer in Engineering.

Darlene Smith inquired who is responsible for trimming trees back near power lines. Mr. Dawson responded that it was FPL and they contract the work out. Ms. Smith stated that on Parkway and Croton they have just butchered the oak trees and feels there should be some limitations.

8. Petitions, Remonstrances, and Communications

Ron Strandjord asked about the sign ordinance. Ms. Bowman stated it has not been approved yet. There are revisions being made and it will be brought back to Council. Ms. Moore stated that it is on the City's web site. Discussion followed.

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Ms. Henry inquired as to whether the Eau Gallie Square sign was on the same time frame as the entranceway signs. Mr. Dawson responded yes.

Chairman Moore stated that when the signs are completed there will be a City dedication.

9. Adjournment

Motioned by Hensley/Smith to adjourn.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Barbara Smith, Recording Secretary