

**MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2006

Members Present: Sandee Natowich, Chairman
Marcus Herman, Vice-Chairman
Alice Bubeck
Betsy Keenan
Ozella Bowles
Dick Van Epp
Susan Hall

Members Absent: Fran Quattrocchi

Agency Staff: Tina Anderson, MIRA Special Projects Coordinator
Greg Lugar, MIRA Executive Director

Guests: Randy Raiman, RLA, ASLA, Herbert-Halback, Inc. (HHI)
Brooks Cadorin, United Solar Energy
Beth Kring

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17, 2006 3:00 P.M. MERRITT ISLAND GOVERNMENT CENTER, 2575 N. COURTENAY PARKWAY, ROOM 205, MERRITT ISLAND.

Chairman Natowich called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. All were present except those indicated above.

The minutes of the February 16, 2006 MIRA Beautification Committee meeting were reviewed.

MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES, SECONDED BY ALICE BUBECK, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2006 MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING, AS CORRECTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Discussion Re: Streetscape and Landscaping along S.R. 3 (N. Courtenay Parkway)

Chairman Natowich introduced Randy Raiman, HHI to the Beautification Committee. Greg Lugar advised that Brevard County has now entered into a Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to assist in the landscaping of N. Courtenay Parkway from S.R. 520 to Skylark. Mr. Lugar reminded the Committee that MIRA had commissioned HHI to do concept plans by taking the actual construction project and working the road medians with some potential landscape projects. Mr. Lugar advised that the next step for MIRA would be to have the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners agree for MIRA to extend their boundary from Merritt

Avenue to Lucas Road. Mr. Lugar noted that if the County Commission does not approve the MIRA expansion, then MIRA can not become a partner in the landscape project. Mr. Lugar advised that the Robertson and Associates Slum and Blight Study had been completed and approved by the MIRA Board and now needs to be reviewed and approved by Brevard County Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Lugar commented that the next step would be for the Slum and Blight Study to go to the County Commission for public hearing to consider amending the redevelopment agency plan to include N. Courtenay Parkway as a new or expanded area. Mr. Lugar continued that a resolution should then go to the County Commission to approve the expansion and given to the Property Appraiser's office prior to July 1, 2006, which would be added to the MIRA redevelopment district. Mr. Lugar suggested the Beautification Committee get involved by calling the County Commissioners to get support for the expansion of the redevelopment area.

Susan Hall arrived at the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Randy Raiman distributed the preliminary plans for the S. R. 3 streetscape concept plan to the Beautification Committee. Mr. Raiman discussed the reconfiguration of the median islands being done for traffic management due to the volume of traffic along N. Courtenay Parkway. Mr. Raiman commented that the need was generated by uses on each side of the road which necessitates having long stacking lanes either with concrete separators 2-3 feet wide or actually a median which would be 6 feet wide. Mr. Raiman discussed the median ground coverage and recommended using St. Augustine grass. Mr. Raiman advised that it would be necessary to have irrigation available to maintain the vegetation in the medians. Mr. Raiman suggested using palm trees as accents with flowering plants on the sides. Mr. Raiman advised having sleeve lines installed in the medians for irrigation as the medians are constructed.

MOTION MADE BY SUSAN HALL SECONDED BY ALICE BUBECK TO RECOMMEND TO THE MIRA BOARD TO EXPAND THE MIRA BOUNDARY FROM MERRITT AVENUE TO LUCAS ROAD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES TO RECOMMEND TO THE MIRA BOARD TO ACCEPT THE S.R. 3 LANDSCAPE PLAN AND HAVE MIRA TAKE THE LEAD TO ENHANCE THE LANDSCAPING ALONG S.R. 3 FROM S.R. 520 TO SKYLARK AVENUE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Greg Lugar left the meeting.

Randy Raiman left the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion/Approval Re: Commercial Façade Improvement Application – United Solar Energy, Inc. 41 Rose Street, Merritt Island

Chairman Natowich introduced Brooks Cadorin representative of United Solar Energy to the Beautification Committee. Mr. Cadorin reviewed the façade improvements to his solar business before MIRA. Mrs. Natowich inquired if the awnings Mr. Cadorin was having installed would be manual or motor retraction. Mr. Cadorin advised that he would be having the manual awnings installed. Mrs. Natowich requested that Mr. Cadorin submit to the MIRA staff an invoice from Bambi Boatworks & Canvas reflecting the cost of the manual awning. Mr. Cadorin

advised that the chain link fence would be replaced by a black iron decorative fence and the color of the building would be tropical yellow with blue canvas awnings.

MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES TO RECOMMEND TO THE MIRA BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CFIP APPLICATION FOR UNITED SOLAR ENERGY, INC., 41 ROSE STREET. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion/Approval Re: CFIP Award to Triangle Auto, 56 Merritt Island Causeway

Chairman Natowich congratulated Marcus Herman on the completion of his CFIP at Triangle Auto. Mrs. Natowich suggested that the Beautification Committee award Triangle Auto with the Beautification Award.

MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES SECONDED BY SUSAN HALL TO RECOMMEND THE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD TO TRIANGLE AUTO, 56 MERRITT ISLAND CAUSEWAY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE CFIP AWARD TO TRIANGLE AUTO, 56 MERRITT ISLAND CAUSEWAY. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mrs. Natowich suggested having the award ceremony on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 4 – Roundtable Workshop for Merritt Park Place

As background, Mrs. Natowich advised that the Beautification Committee had been concerned with disinterest of the Merritt Park Place Group and that the business owners were not on board working together as a group. Mrs. Natowich commented that the Beautification Committee had discussed assisting Merritt Park Place in going forward with their development at the last Beautification Committee meeting. It was discussed having something like a town meeting and inviting the business and property owners to a roundtable workshop or discussion to find out if the Committee can galvanize the businesses in MPP to work better as a team. Mrs. Natowich suggested that Merritt Park Place Group create a map to distribute to the public that would show the locations of all the businesses in Merritt Park Place. Mrs. Natowich tasked the committee to come back with ideas at the June 15th Beautification Committee Meeting by coming up with a packet of suggestions to get the people in Merritt Park Place to talk and work together.

Betsy Keenan left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business

Mrs. Anderson advised that she had met with Norm Boucher at his property on 237 McLeod Street to discuss the progress of his CFIP. Mrs. Anderson advised that Mr. Boucher had termite and wood damage to his building that he had not foreseen causing an increase in repairs. Due to the wood damage, the cost of repairing the outside façade had increased \$3,299.70 for an

increase in his grant of \$659.94. Mrs. Anderson suggested that the committee approve the increase in the grant amount awarded.

MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES SECONDED BY ALICE BUBECK TO RECOMMEND INCREASING THE CFIP GRANT FOR NORM BOUCHER, 237 MCLEOD STREET TO A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,605.94. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

Mrs. Bowles informed the Committee of the Keep Brevard Beautiful annual “Trash Bash” to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006.

MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK, SECONDED BY MARCUS HERMAN TO ADJOURN. NEXT SCHEDULED MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2006. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30.