

**MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2005

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Agency Staff:** Doug Robertson, Consultant  
Tina Anderson, Executive Secretary

**Guests:** None

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2005 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 Betsy Keenan and Susan Hall.

The minutes of the November 18, 2004 MIRA Beautification Committee meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES, SECONDED BY ALICE BUBECK, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2004 MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item No. 1 – Discussion Re: CFIP Workshop February 17, 2005**

Mrs. Natowich commented that at the CFIP Workshop she would first discuss the application then give a brief description and history of the CFIP program. She will discuss what the CFIP program has accomplished since the beginning of the program. Mrs. Natowich requested that pictures of the grantees that have previously received a grant be included in the workshop package. Mrs. Natowich advised that she would discuss the grant monies available and then have a question and answer session.

Mrs. Quattrocchi commented that there should be a discussion on the bid process, which should be included in the workshop package. Mrs. Anderson advised that there would be samples of bids

included in the package. Mr. Herman suggested having a task list included. Mrs. Natowich commented that the package needs to include information on the bids received that would compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges and that licensing and permitting is not part of the grant process.

Mrs. Bubeck inquired if an artist rendering would still be available to prospective grant recipients. Mr. Robertson advised that the MIRA staff was presently searching for an artist to do renderings, but at this time there was not an artist available.

Mrs. Natowich advised that the CFIP Workshop would begin after the 3:00 p.m. Beautification Committee Meeting. Mrs. Natowich commented that the workshop is by reservation only and reservations need to be made no later than Monday, February 14, 2005. Mrs. Natowich noted that a press release had been sent to the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Anderson commented that a press release would be going out to Florida Today. Mrs. Anderson advised that she would be getting a mailing list from the Property Appraiser's office and mail notice of the CFIP Workshop to all commercial property owners in the MIRA area.

Mrs. Quattrocchi inquired if the property owner's would be required to have a site plan? Mr. Robertson advised that site plans are not required unless there is an addition to the property or a parking lot with a pervious surface is installed.

### **Agenda Item No. 2 – Staff Report**

Mr. Robertson advised that Commissioner, Ron Pritchard, had appointed Beautification Committee Chairman, Sandee Natowich, to the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Board.

- **Sykes Creek/Merritt Avenue Berm**

Mr. Robertson commented that Brevard County Road & Bridge had agreed to build the berm at the intersection of Sykes Creek Parkway and Merritt Avenue. Mr. Robertson advised that the County will need to place the construction of the berm on their schedule and did not have a date at this time.

- **Tree Replacement along S.R. 520**

Mrs. Anderson advised that she and Mr. Robertson met with Brevard County Roadways & Landscaping. Mrs. Anderson commented that Roadways & Landscaping advised that trees lost during the hurricane seasons would not be able to be replaced, as trees are no longer allowed in the county right of ways due to the problems incurred with trees coming down during the hurricanes. Mrs. Anderson advised that the MIRA staff is working with Brevard County Roadways & Landscaping to discuss a new contract to maintain the right of ways on S.R. 520 and Grove and McLeod Streets in Merritt Park Place.

- **Merritt Park Place Rear/Side Lot Parking Grants**

Mr. Robertson commented that the MIRA Board agreed that they wanted to do a grant program similar to the CFIP program to encourage rear and side lot parking in Merritt

Park Place. Mr. Robertson advised that the MIRA staff had drafted a letter similar to the CFIP grant program and these letters have been mailed to the commercial property owners who would be affected. Mr. Robertson commented that the county engineer had requested that MIRA refine the specification as to how these back lots are going to be constructed, as drainage is the biggest concern. Mr. Robertson advised that Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc. did a concept drawing for a one (1) fifty foot lot and a double lot with two owners paring up together and specified the materials and stabilization using paver bricks, perimeter swales, curbing needed to build a parking lot with cost estimates. Mr. Robertson commented that he was working with Land Development on a design scheme.

- **Commercial Façade Improvement Grants**

Mrs. Anderson gave an updated report on the Commercial Façade Improvement Program.

- Norm Boucher had decided to put his façade project, 237 McLeod Street, on hold until further notice. Mr. Boucher commented that the business that was going to move into the building had decided not to expand at this time.
- Ed and Noreen Jaynes, owners of Village and Flooring on Hibiscus, are in the process of submitting an application to have façade artwork on the front of their building. Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes also had recently purchased a building at the intersection of Tangerine and McLeod and were interest in applying for a CFIP grant to update that building.
- Dr. Strunk, Brevard Eye Center, advised that the landscape work on their building was to begin December 20, 2004.
- Jack Rood, architect, advised that the façade work for Jimmy Vickers Suzuki was to begin work approximately February 1, 2005.
- Perrone Properties façade improvements work at 350 Myrtice Avenue is presently under work and proceeding on schedule.
- Sutton Pools had begun their façade and landscape improvements during the month of December 2004.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Old Business**

None

### **Agenda Item 4 – Other Business**

1. Ozella Bowles advised that the next Secret Garden Tour had been scheduled for May 14, 2005 and would last for two days. Mrs. Bowles noted that the tour is countywide with the central and north area being held on the first day and the south area of the county to be held on the second day.
2. Mrs. Natowich commented that she would be unavailable to attend the March 17, 2005 Beautification Committee Meeting and requested that the meeting be reschedule to Wednesday, March 23, 2005. The Beautification Committee agreed to the change in meeting time for March 2005.

**MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK, SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES TO ADJOURN. NEXT SCHEDULED MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53.