

**MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2005

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

**Members Absent:** Dick Van Epp

**Agency Staff:** Tina Anderson, MIRA Special Projects Coordinator

**Guests:** Christine Black  
Ed Jaynes  
William Ronat

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19, 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 3:00P.M. All were present except those indicated above.

The minutes of the October 20, 2005 MIRA Beautification Committee meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES, SECONDED BY MARCUS HERMAN, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2005 MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item No. 1 – Discussion / Approval Re: New Commercial Façade Improvement Application – Carol Skagseth and Christine Black “Piece of Paradise” Merritt Park Place.**

Fran Quattrocchi arrived at the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Chairman Natowich introduced Christine Black, co-owner of “Piece of Paradise” to the Beautification Committee. Mrs. Natowich commented that Christine Black and Carol Skagseth had recently purchased the property located at 224 Parnell Street in Merritt Park Place which they have named “Piece of Paradise” and planned to sell garden gifts. Mrs. Natowich reviewed the CFIP

package with the Beautification Committee. Mrs. Natowich advised that the Committee would be recommending for approval the pavers, landscaping and signage. Mrs. Anderson advised that the sign proposal submitted was for a one of a kind sign and was only available through the proposed vendor. Mrs. Natowich inquired from the other committee members on the planting of tabebuia. Mrs. Bubeck suggested that the owners might want to plant a more hardy plant, as the tabebuia is fragile. Mrs. Natowich suggested that the owners might want to double up on the little gem magnolia instead of the tabebuia.

**MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES TO RECOMMEND TO THE MIRA BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CFIP APPLICATION FOR CAROL SKAGSETH AND CHRISTINE BLACK “PIECE OF PARADISE”, 224 PARNELL STREET, MERRITT PARK PLACE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item 2 – Discussion/Approval Re: New Commercial Façade Improvement Application – Noro & Company, Ed and Norene Jaynes, 127 Tangerine Avenue, Merritt Park Place.**

Chairman Natowich introduced Ed Jaynes, co-owner of Noro & Company. Mrs. Natowich advised that the Committee would be recommending approval only for the stucco and the windows. Mr. Jaynes advised that he would be removing the flat roof and adding a truss roof. Mr. Jaynes noted that the color of the building would be taupe in color with a contrasting trim and awnings over the windows.

**MOTION MADE BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI SECONDED BY MARCUS HERMAN TO RECOMMEND TO THE MIRA BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CFIP APPLICATION FOR ED AND NORENE JAYNES “NORO & COMPANY”, 127 TANGERINE AVENUE, MERRITT PARK PLACE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item 3 – Discussion/Approval Re: New Commercial Façade Improvement Application – William Ronat and Linda Brandt “60 McLeod, LLC”, 60 McLeod Street, Merritt Park Place, 2 lots**

Mrs. Natowich reviewed the 60 McLeod, LLC CFIP application with the Beautification Committee. Mrs. Natowich introduced Bill Ronat, co-owner of Brandt Ronat and Company. Mrs. Natowich advised that this project would be entitled to two separate grants as the project covered two lots. Mr. Ronat advised that he would be moving his graphic design and advertising firm from Melbourne to the property at 60 McLeod Street once completed. Mrs. Natowich commented that the property was located on a landmark corner and would be nice to have a landmark building at that location.

**MOTION MADE BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES, TO RECOMMEND TO THE MIRA BOARD APPROVAL OF THE CFIP APPLICATION FOR WILLIAM RONAT AND LINDA BRANDT “60 MCLEOD STREET, MERRITT PARK PLACE - TWO LOTS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item 4 – Discussion Re: Beautification Award Ceremony to Gary Dover, 360 Tangerine Avenue, Merritt Park Place.**

Mrs. Natowich reported on the success of the Beautification Award Ceremony for Gary Dover, CPA. Mrs. Natowich commented that Mr. Dover indicated that he would like to have the oak trees in his front yard removed. Mrs. Natowich informed Mr. Dover that she would research different replacement of the oak trees and make suggestions.

**Agenda Item 5 – Discussion Re: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for 1<sup>st</sup> Covered Bus Shelter in the MIRA area on October 26, 2005**

Mrs. Anderson reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first covered bus shelter located in front of Holiday Office Plaza. Mrs. Anderson commented that the ribbon cutting was held on October 26, 2005 and attended by Commissioner Ron Pritchard, members of the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, MIRA staff and two members of the Beautification Committee. Mrs. Natowich commented on the great article written by Erika Pesantes for Florida Today concerning the new covered bus shelters.

Marcus Herman inquired if there was more bus traffic; would more covered bus shelters be installed along S.R. 520? Mrs. Anderson advised that there are plans for more bus shelter locations. Mrs. Natowich commented that she would like to see the feasibility of having a bus shelter located near the public library on N. Courtenay Parkway.

**Agenda Item 8 – Old Business**

None

**Agenda Item 8 – Other Business**

Mrs. Natowich reviewed the 2006 meeting schedule for the MIRA Beautification Committee. Mrs. Anderson inquired if the Beautification Committee would be holding their December meeting.

**MOTION MADE BY MARCUS HERMAN, SECONDED BY BETSY KEENAN TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 15, 2005 MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mrs. Anderson reported on the article in the Florida Today concerning the future of Brevard County that included a story on Chairman Natowich, who is a third generation resident of Brevard County. Mrs. Natowich gave the committee a background on her family lineage in Florida.

**MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK, SECONDED BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI TO ADJOURN. NEXT SCHEDULED MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00.