

**MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2005

Members Present: Sandee Natowich, Chairman
Betsy Keenan
Ozella Bowles
Fran Quattrocchi
Susan Hall

Members Absent: Marcus Herman
Dick Van Epp
Alice Bubeck

Agency Staff: Tina Anderson, Executive Secretary

Guests: Gary Spears, First Baptist Church Merritt Island

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21, 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 those indicated above.

The minutes of the January 19, 2005 MIRA Beautification Committee meeting were reviewed.

MOTION MADE BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, SECONDED BY SUSAN HALL, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2005 MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Discussion Re: Commercial Façade Improvement Application provided by First Baptist Church Merritt Island, 140 Magnolia Avenue.

Chairman Natowich introduced Gary Spears from the First Baptist Church Merritt Island. Mrs. Anderson advised that the property before the Committee is for the parcel adjacent to SR 520 and Magnolia Avenue. Mrs. Anderson noted that the church would be installing a new awning at the “Firehouse” building facing S.R. 520 and an awning on the building intersecting Magnolia Avenue and S. Courtenay Parkway.

Mrs. Natowich inquired as to the former Korean Church Mission building located at the intersection of S. Tropical Trail and Magnolia Avenue. Mrs. Natowich commented that the building is an original craftsman bungalow that would need to be historically restored, as it is a significant building to the architecture of Merritt Island. Mrs. Anderson advised that the restoration would qualify for a grant from MIRA. Mrs. Quattrocchi inquired as to the building adjacent to the Korean

Mission building. Mr. Spears commented that the two buildings would be the next projects to be accomplished by the Baptist Church.

Mr. Spears inquired as to recommendations for hiding the church buses on S. Tropical Trail with landscaping. Mrs. Hall made suggestions as to hedging along the road. Mrs. Natowich suggested a hedge that would be eight to nine feet at maturity. Mrs. Anderson noted that if the church were to paint the building where the buses are located, MIRA would be able to offer a grant towards the landscaping.

MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES, SECONDED BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CFIP APPLICATION FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERRITT ISLAND AT 140 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, TO THE MIRA BOARD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Discussion Re: Commercial Façade Improvement Application provided by Paul Ouellette, DDS, Affordable Braces, 455 Magnolia Avenue.

Mrs. Anderson advised the committee that Dr. Ouellette was unable to attend the meeting and had requested that she present his application. Mrs. Anderson noted that the building is at the intersection of S.R. 520 and Magnolia Avenue. Mrs. Anderson advised that Dr. Ouellette would be doing major renovations of his building but was only applying for a grant on the roof. Dr. Ouellette would be having a metal Hawaiian blue roof installed with Hawaiian blue bahama shutters, new railing surrounding the building, new paint, and extensive landscaping. Dr. Ouellette is planning to have either a clock tower or lighthouse on the top of the building. Mrs. Anderson noted that the building is seen from all sides. Mrs. Quattrocchi opined that a roof had to be part of a bigger extensive project. Mrs. Anderson advised that the roof is part of the bigger project but that the cost of the roof was enough to apply for the grant in itself.

MOTION MADE BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES, TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CFIP APPLICATION FOR PAUL L. OUELLETTE, DDS, AFFORDABLE BRACES AT 455 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, TO THE MIRA BOARD CONTINGENT ON PROOF THAT THE ROOF IS PART OF A LARGER PROJECT PROVIDED BY THE OWNER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion/Approval Re: Beautification Award to Brevard Eye Center, 250 N. Courtenay Parkway

Mrs. Anderson reported and provided photographs on the completed CFIP project for Brevard Eye Center. Mrs. Natowich suggested making the presentation for the Beautification Award and CFIP Award on Monday, April 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Hall suggested revisiting the Holiday Office Plaza beautification project. Mrs. Hall opined that the office building needed a landscaping project.

MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES, SECONDED BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BREVARD EYE CENTER AT 250 N. COURTENAY PARKWAY, FOR THE APRIL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item 4 – CFIP Workshop

Mrs. Natowich discussed the CFIP Workshop that was held on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Mrs. Natowich commented that there was an excellent turnout from the community. Mrs. Natowich opined that there would be several grants coming out of the workshop. Mrs. Natowich noted that the next workshop would be structured differently, so that the Beautification Committee would be able to take part. Mrs. Natowich commented that when the next workshop is held it would be suggested that participants advise if attending, so that the proper materials would be available. Mrs. Natowich advised that the workshop would be a meeting opened to the general public. Mrs. Natowich complimented the committee for working to raise the conscience of the CFIP program.

Agenda Item 5 – Sunshine Law

Mrs. Natowich discussed the Sunshine Law, Section 286.011, Florida Statutes with the Beautification Committee that was provided to the Committee. Mrs. Natowich reviewed the requirements of the Sunshine Law that covered all public meetings.

Agenda Item 3 – Old Business

None

Agenda Item 4 – Other Business

Mrs. Anderson advised that the MIRA staff had interviewed two artists to do the CFIP renderings. Mrs. Anderson provided examples from the two artists that were interviewed. Mrs. Anderson noted that the two artists were Rose Foss and John Golddecker. Mrs. Anderson advised that the artist did renderings on two separate properties in the MIRA area. Mrs. Hall suggested that the artist do a rendering of the same property for comparison.

Mrs. Natowich noted that there is going to be a butterfly seminar at Ace Hardware on April 30, 2005 and invited the committee to tour her gardens after the seminar to view the butterflies in her gardens. Keep Brevard Beautiful will be having the Secret Garden Tour on May 14, 2005 and Mrs. Natowich's garden will be included again this year. Ace Hardware will be having their pond tour in July and has invited Mrs. Natowich to show her ponds on the pond tour. Mrs. Natowich is docenting at the Brevard Zoo for the new butterfly exhibit and discussed the exhibit.

Mrs. Hall discussed her meeting with MIRA staff and County Staff at the location for the new berm at the intersection of Sykes Creek and Merritt Avenue. Mrs. Hall felt that the project was moving ahead.

Mrs. Bowles informed the committee that Gladys Shelley, a former committee member, has broken an arm and is back in a nursing home recuperating. Mrs. Natowich suggested that the MIRA staff send a get-well card to Mrs. Shelley from the MIRA Beautification Committee.

MOTION MADE BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, SECONDED BY SUSAN HALL TO ADJOURN. NEXT SCHEDULED MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20.