

**MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2005

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Agency Staff:** Tina Anderson, Executive Secretary

**Guests:** None

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 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 3:03P.M. All were present except those indicated above.

The minutes of the July 21, 2005 MIRA Beautification Committee meeting were reviewed and corrections made.

**MOTION MADE BY ALICE BUBECK, SECONDED BY MARCUS HERMAN, APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2005 MIRA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING AS CORRECTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item No. 1 – Discussion / Approval Re: Beautification Nominee to Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc., 100 Parnell Street**

Mrs. Natowich advised that she had nominated Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc. for their preservation of natural and native Florida vegetation. Mrs. Natowich commented that Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group had been at their location for many years and has always maintained the beautification of the property.

**MOTION MADE BY OZELLA BOWLES, SECONDED BY ALICE BUBECK TO ACCEPT BUSSEN-MAYER ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., 100 PARNELL STREET FOR NOMINATION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item No. 2 – Discussion / Approval Re: Beautification Award to First Baptist Church of Merritt Island, 140 Magnolia Avenue.**

Mrs. Quattrocchi advised that she had nominated First Baptist Church of Merritt Island for the Beautification Award for the month of September due to their upkeep and improvements to their church and grounds. Mrs. Quattrocchi commented on the façade improvements that the church had just completed. Mrs. Quattrocchi inquired if the church has submitted an application for façade improvements to the other parcels the church owns.

**MOTION MADE BY FRAN QUATTROCCHI, SECONDED BY OZELLA BOWLES TO ACCEPT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERRITT ISLAND, 140 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, FOR NOMINATION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AWARD FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Agenda Item 3 – Discussion Re: Beautification Award Ceremony to Applebee’s Restaurant, 100 Sykes Creek Parkway and CFIP Award Ceremony to Sutton’s Pool Supply, 500 W. Merritt Island Causeway**

Mrs. Natowich reported on the Beautification Award Ceremony to Applebee’s Restaurant and Grill that took place on Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Mrs. Natowich acknowledged Commissioner Ron Pritchard’s attendance at the award ceremonies. Mrs. Natowich commented on the nice job that Sutton’s Pool Supply did on their building. Mrs. Natowich recommended that Sutton’s Pool Supply work to having their trash receptacle replaced with a newer model to finish the clean looks.

**Agenda Item 4 – Discussion Re: Completion of First Baptist Church of Merritt Island Commercial Façade Improvement Grant**

Mrs. Anderson reported that the First Baptist Church of Merritt Island had completed their CFIP project and that she had received all paid invoices from the church. Mrs. Quattrocchi suggested that at the time the Beautification Committee presents the CFIP award the committee could suggest that the church consider installing landscaping along the old gas station building that was improved. Mrs. Natowich suggested encouraging the church to have a member of their congregation donate potted plants as a personal memorial.

Mrs. Natowich suggested presenting the Beautification Awards and Commercial Façade Improvement Award on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Anderson commented that she would discuss the date and times with the award recipients and advise the committee on the times chosen.

**Agenda Item 5 – Old Business**

Mrs. Anderson distributed photos of the completed CFIP submitted by Ralph Perrone for his property located at 350 Myrtice Avenue in Merritt Park Place. Mrs. Anderson advised that Mr. Perrone had submitted his final invoice for the project and had completed the work as scheduled. The Beautification Committee discussed the improvements to the property.

**Agenda Item 6 – Other Business**

Mrs. Natowich reported that the butterfly enthusiasts group is up and running in Brevard County. She advised that there were thirty-five participants in attendance. Mrs. Natowich reminded the Committee that the butterfly group meets at 6:45 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Merritt Island Library. She noted that the group was designed to mentor those who desire to understand more about plants, plant sharing and seed sharing. Mrs. Natowich advised that she makes sites visit at no charge all over the county.

Mrs. Natowich reported that Cambridge Elementary School has completed their butterfly garden.

## **Staff Report**

### **Entry Signs**

Mrs. Anderson reported that Greg Lugar is the new Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency Executive Director. Mrs. Anderson advised that Mr. Lugar was unable to attend today's meeting due to a conflict in schedules, but did plan to attend future meetings.

Mrs. Anderson reported that Mr. Lugar met on site with Jack West, FDOT and Brevard County Traffic Engineering to discuss the location of the east MIRA entry sign. They discussed the original location for the sign, which was proven not to be in a safe zone area, but found a better location further west behind a guardrail which would not need a break away sign. Mr. Lugar advised that MIRA would need an engineering site plan before the permit can be approved by the State of Florida.

### **Merritt Avenue/Sykes Creek Berm**

Mrs. Anderson reported that MIRA is waiting for Florida Power & Light to relocate a power pole on the location site. Mrs. Anderson advised that once the pole is relocated Brevard County Roadways and Landscaping is ready to begin construction and landscaping of the berm.

### **N. Tropical Trail/Merritt Avenue Roadways Improvements**

Mrs. Anderson advised that Joe Mayer, Bussen-Mayer Engineering Group, Inc. was scheduled to attend the next MIRA Board meeting to give an update of the N. Tropical Trail/Merritt Avenue Roadways Improvement and would report back to the committee on any update.

### **Covered Bus Shelters**

Mrs. Anderson reported that 20/20 Media was supposed to be on schedule to construct four bus shelters on S.R. 520 during the month of August. Brevard County Roadways and Landscaping advised that they had issued permits to 20/20 Media to install the shelters but Joel Davis of 20/20 Media informed Mrs. Anderson that his Florida Contractor's license has lapsed and he has to postpone the date of installation.

Mrs. Natowich inquired as to the progress of Marcus Herman's CFIP project. Mr. Herman commented that he is waiting to receive his bids and hoped to submit his application before the next Committee meeting.

Mrs. Natowich inquired as to the outside vendor on Mr. Herman's property and advised that the vendor needs an outside vendor permit to be able to sell on his property. Mrs. Natowich commented that she was asked to speak to Mr. Herman concerning the outside vendors on the weekend. Mr. Herman said that he would discuss with the carpet vendors the need to have an updated outside vendor permit every time they use his property.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55.