

GAIL LAROSE

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mike Zelle (President)  
Bob Harcourt (Vice-President)  
Donna Burbidge (Treasurer)  
Steve Moyer (Member)  
cc Dennis Oertel (West Bay Landscaping)

FROM: Gail Larose (Secretary)

DATE: March 6, 2017

RE: Landscape inspection of Wisteria Park common areas

Mike Zelle and I were joined by Dennis Oertel of West Bay to discuss Wisteria Park's common landscape areas, assess the current situation and make suggestions for options to present to the Board for its consideration. The following was noted:

*General*

- It was agreed that West Bay will prune all Wisteria Park ficus to a height of six feet to help rejuvenate the many hedges in common areas and east-side properties;
- Likewise, West Bay will also trim all oleander and sea grape to a height of six feet to be consistent and to encourage healthy growth;
- Effective immediately, a five-foot vegetation buffer (no mowing) will be created around all retention ponds, trimmed to about a foot in height when necessary;
- West Bay encourages the HOA to contact Manatee County to explore the amount of reclaimed water to be supplied to Wisteria Park over the coming year.

*Review of pool area*

- The ailing ficus hedge separating the playground area from the Hasselman property was discussed and a strategy was approved that would see the irrigation system checked to ensure it was operational and effective, the remaining ficus trimmed to a height of six feet and encroaching potato vines removed, and four 25-gallon viburnum shrubs planted in the existing gaps (the viburnum will be trimmed evenly when the new shrubs have been established);
- The bougainvillea near the 86<sup>th</sup> Street NW trellised path to the pool will be pruned to remove a dangerous protruding branch (currently marked with a pink ribbon);
- West Bay will present a proposal to upgrade the pool entrance flower beds;
- West Bay will remove some crinum lilies and prune other vegetation in line with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles.

*21<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW*

- The crinum lily seem to be doing better here than elsewhere in Wisteria Park;

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- The County will be repairing the washouts;
- The oaks are recovering along the Mango Lake berm;
- A palm on the west side of 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW has ganoderma and must be removed.

*17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW*

- A scrambled egg tree (Cassia) near the east end of Wisteria Park will have its top trimmed;
- The silver buttonwoods (Conocarpus erectus) near the 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW entrance (and elsewhere in Wisteria Park) will be trimmed back by half and then left to grow out naturally;
- The arboricola at the 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW monument will be hand trimmed to ensure the Wisteria Park logo is clearly visible;
- West Bay suggests that the Green Thumbs use Penta to replace the existing begonias and alyssum, first removing existing mulch and some soil, adding topsoil and applying snail bait, fungicide and fertilizer, watering every day for two weeks until the plants are well established.