

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 16th, 2024**

Brenda Hart opened meeting at 10:00am.

Attendees: Preston Becker, Pam Behrensprung, Peter Behrensprung, Kim Snook, Liz King, Betty Denall, Danny Hart, Anne Neel, Gail Swenson

This is our last meeting of the season. We have accomplished a great deal. Think about the recovery we were dealing with in 2023 after the hurricane. Our residents returned in the fall to so many home repairs. The clubhouse and grounds were continually being worked. The goal for beautification was to bring back the beauty of our community. Look where we are. Just look at the changes.

Do you remember the community last March? What a struggle we were having. Still by the end of the year we managed a celebration with the Beautification Christmas Extravaganza!

Yes, we need more hands to help maintain our responsibilities in the community.

It was simply hard to ask residents to spend time away from their homes while bringing their homes back from the devastation.

The community is in recovery but getting better and some normalcy is returning.

So we have high hopes that more hands will be available when the next season returns this fall. How cool would it be to see many hands with their own garden spot to care for during their time in LP?

During the summer we will work on creating zones that our resident volunteer gardeners will maintain. We continue to plant native plants and trees.

We have some busy hands out there now helping. These folks are so amazing. They just do it! Just having help with the watering has been wonderful.

SCRAPBOOKS:

We will need to work on catching up our 2023-2024 books. Brenda will organize a day for this project.



BUDGET 2024 UPDATE:



2024 COMMUNITY BUDGET:

Recently purchased fertilizer spray for fungus and to control pest like Oleander moth and white fly. String and poles & 15 bags of mulch was purchased to put around new trees while they are getting established. Spent \$319.64.

Our balance is \$ 5480.36.

SOIL FUNDS:

This is money collected for sales of our organic / compost soil.

Soil funds \$ 895.00

Out of the soil funds, \$180.00 is being given to the Kubota fund. This fund helps maintain the maintenance on this equipment. Basically, we contribute 10% of the soil sold. Balance \$715.00

DELIVERY OF NEW SOIL:

We have a delivery of 30 yards being delivered this week. \$789.00. \$715.00 will be paid in cash. Additional funds of \$74.00 will be paid for balance of soil from our beautification checking account.

This depletes our soil fund donations.

We will continue to sell to residents at \$25 a bucket load.

LETS SELL DIRT



DONATIONS:



Judy and Gary Nichols

Thomas and Marcia Hennessy

A big thank you to these folks for their contribution.

Checking account donation balance:

\$972.39.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

Cul de sacs on Asheboro and Baton Rouge are being cleaned. Trimming and fertilizing and fresh soil is underway. Jerry Voegele has been helping Pam Behrensprung with the refresh on Asheboro. Thank you. As you know large rocks have been added on the backside of the Asheboro cul de sac to keep vehicles off the area. Excess stone will be removed and used in other areas of the community.

New trees that were recently planted have been staked and are secure from harsh winds. Two foxtail palms were placed by the old bridge path. Thank you, Gary King, Danny Hart, Tom Hennessy, Jerry Voegele and a family friend for stepping up and making this happen.

We are always looking for trees. We agree that too many small plants are time consuming. Large native plants make a beautiful statement.




FUTURE SUMMER LANDSCAPE:

Prep the front wall area of the clubhouse with soil and have it ready for bushes. We will not plant until rainy season begins.

Make plans for the front wall area by welcome sign. A sketch and landscape plan will be submitted. Thoughts are to add the same vegetation that is on the south of brick wall. Add a couple blue agave plants. We have several that need to be pulled from gardens. Would make a beautiful specimen planting. This task will have a minimal cost since we will use mainly existing plants that have multiplied.

POWER WASHING: 

Schedule for April will be announced by Danny Hart.

Note that if we can save on the power washing by brushing  the clubhouse more often. Future brushing of building may be added to clubhouse cleaner's duties. It was part of a cleaning crew task at one time. Very likely that will be brought back.

END OF SEASON DAY TRIP:



So there are numerous suggestions. Keep in mind that we want to avoid busy periods. we are looking at the second week of April. We know that we may see some reduction in traffic after Easter. April many snowbirds head home but there are some spring breakers still around. Seems by the end of April our community will lose many of our snowbirds.

We were looking for something educational and gives an appreciation of where we live.

It was decided that we would schedule a full day on Sanibel Island. Keeping in mind that we may need to modify our trip due to traffic and time.

We will start at Ding Darling Reserve.
Additional stops:




Native Landscape Center and Honey House.



Crow Clinic for rehabilitation of wildlife (catch a presentation and tour)



Shell Museum 
Followed by a late lunch.

See you next season
No shovel required

