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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

**Landscape Committee minutes
October 14, 2008**

Present:

Frank Zottolo	Landscaping Supervisor
Bill Barsz	Bahama Village (Committee Chair)
Carol Warren	Port Royal Village (Board Liaison Stand-in for Director Bacon)
Chris Bonderant	Antigua Village
Donna Love	Trinidad Village
John McLawhorne	Kingston Village
Kathie Kaiwi	Jamaica Village
Gale Donahue	Green Turtle Village
Sylvia Brown	Marti Gras Village

1. *Approval of Minutes:* The minutes of the July 8, 2008 meeting were approved
2. *Front Entry Oval.* Resurfacing of the Front Entry Oval with epoxy and pebbles, stamped concrete, or decomposed granite (its current material) was discussed, in order to improve the appearance which is currently pinkish. This project was unanimously deemed low priority.
3. *Problematic Trees.* Some of the older trees, such as Coral Trees, are causing problems throughout the Cays. Their roots push up sidewalks, curbs and penetrate out into the streets and their branches break off with the potential of injuring people and damaging property and cars, thus causing problems of liability. The cost of removal and replacement of such trees was discussed. Also, the possibility of replacing with fewer trees in order to reduce costs was discussed. The pros and cons of alternative trees were also discussed. Landscape coordinators were encouraged to work with their Village Directors in identifying problem trees and budget for the future removal of problem trees and, if possible, replacement.
4. *Causeway Renovation.* The renovation of the Causeway from Antigua to Bahama along the white walls was discussed. Phase 111 of the Landscape renovation is currently in process and there was a discussion of whether all or part of the Causeway renovation could be “tagged on” to this phase. It was felt by all Committee members that this area should be renovated prior to Phase IV of the Plan which calls for renovation from Green Turtle to Jamaica to Montego. The Committee unanimously approved the tag-on of at least part of the Causeway renovation to Phase III if the budget allowed.

5. *Water Conservation.* Water conservation (20% by 2020) is now the law of the land as well as necessary for our Cays and village landscape budgets. Mr Zottolo indicated that the Cays' water bill for 2 months is around \$40,000, up \$6,000 from the same time last year.

Chairman Barsz indicated that he would be attending a water conservation workshop held by an organization called The Conservation Garden that provides landscaping information to home owners associations

Frank Zottolo discussed the option of xeriscapes, or dry landscaping with water-resistant plants; he displayed some of these plants at the meeting—including dwarf bougainvillea which is colorful-- and sought the Committee's thoughts regarding these plants. He indicated that Port Royal Village is undertaking the first experiment in xeriscaping (purposeful xeriscaping, that is). The Committee supports the use this type of landscaping whenever possible during future renovation.

Frank. Zottolo reported on the use of Cal-Sense watering equipment and associated rebates.

6. *Landscape Maintenance.* The merits of different irrigation systems were discussed, and the history in the Cays of using one and then the other.

The areas just inside the gate need to be kept relatively clear of plants because of the possibility of transients hiding behind bushes. The bike rack on one side of the entry was also discussed, and it was decided to tag the bikes to see if anyone actually claims or uses them. Otherwise the bike rack could be removed. Various complaints were made about residents in some villages having to pay the same amount for landscaping whether they have large or small front or side areas. Infestations of pests such as white fly or spiders were also discussed; diatoms spread around the house was the suggestion for keeping ground insects under control and vinegar for white fly.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Warren
Visiting Scribe