

CDD Environmental Meeting Agenda

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Riverwood CDD Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes – January 4, 2024

Members present – Larry Lancette (LL) chair; Harry Davis (HD); J. Puzine (JP); J. Rowan (JR)

Also present – RCDD Liaison: D. Myhrberg (DM); RCDD site manager: J. Mercer (JM)

Not present but included in discussion – Tim Hall (TH), environmental consultant

1. The minutes from the 12//2023 meeting were approved.
2. **Board of Supervisors Report**
 - a. DM reports that the Board has approved two fountains to be installed, one each in storm water management lakes 15 and 29. They will be financed through this committee’s reserve fund. These fountains will include mechanism to shred pond matter to decrease clogging of pump. JM will follow-up with the contractor.
 - b. DM reports the Board indicated approval for what has been included in the committee’s plans and budget for this year.
3. **Lakes**
 - a. The lake maintenance contractor continues to issue timely reports on work completed. Lake 17 continues to be treated for a surface weed, pond lettuce.
 - b. JR will contact TH about scheduling time to prioritize pond planting.
 - c. DM and JM continue to educate residents upset about the need for aquatic vegetation.
4. **Preserves**
 - a. JM and Tim S will resume inspection and treatment of Preserves beginning with A.
 - b. There was discussion of exotic removal in J2. The committee agreed that JM will get a price to mechanically remove what can be reached along the edge of the preserve that borders the golf course. Afterwards an assessment will be made for replanting, and any required work further into the preserve, i.e. cut and leave, spraying. The removal work will be best be completed May/June before the wet season.
 - c. Residents attended the meeting to request work in Preserves L and K2 to reduce the proliferation of willows. The committee thanked them for attending and shared information about the current plan to address the problem that is throughout the RCDD’s preserves. JR will contact TH to schedule time to do so.
5. **Storm Water System**
 - a. The culvert adjacent to Lake 55 has been repaired.
 - b. JM asked to be granted some time from TH to complete scale drawings for permit to build culvert between Parcel B and 776. The committee approved this request.
6. **New Business**
 - a. The committee would like to consider a fountain for Lake 11 after assessing how well the current planned fountains work out.

Next Meeting – February 8, 2024 at 10 AM (JM will advertise this change in schedule)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- 1.1. Committee: Chairman Larry Lancette, () Jill Rowan () Harry Davis () Brian Murphy () John Puzine () Bob Daniels ()
- 1.2. RCDD Board Liaison: Don Myhrberg. ()
- 1.3. Environmental Consultant Hall and Associates Tim Hall ()
- 1.4. CDD site Manager John Mercer ()

2. Committee Approvals

- 2.1. Meeting minutes 01-04-24

3. New agenda

- 3.1. Don Myhrberg: BOS requests

4. Lake/Ponds Management 2024

- 4.1. John Mercer Update
- 4.2. Lake Management Reports
- 4.3. Status of the fenced pond planting experiment.
- 4.4. Lake 15 Review the lake shoreline for potential aquatic vegetation plantings.
 - 4.4.1. EC Committee should identify other CDD lake shorelines in need of aquatic vegetation plantings to mitigate bank erosion. Money is in the budget for any future plantings.

5. Preserve Management 2024

- 5.1. John Mercer update
- 5.2. Management Reports
- 5.3. Preserve J2: **Postponed until February meeting for discussion.**
 - 5.3.1. The October meeting options for the management of exotic removal in J2 i.e., hand cut and removal, kill in place, machine removal from the upland edges, funding over time through doing small areas each year, or tapping reserves were also explored. All options are best done during the dry season.
- 5.4. Preserve O2: Tim H will develop a vegetation preserve area cutting 3403 Grand Vista .
- 5.5. Preserve J1: Resident at 3323 Osprey Lane has requested the removal of a dead palm in the preserve.
- 5.6. Preserve AA5C - Notice 2-1-24 unauthorized preserve trimming.
 - 5.6.1. Arial & Photo

6. Storm Water Management

7. Common Elements

- 7.1. Update: JM suggested investigating stormwater drainage issues at Parcel B- Common Element ID# RR behind
 - 7.1.1. Tim H plans to conduct a field review of parcels.
 - 7.1.2. Update installing drain into the Highway 776 drainage ditches.
- 7.2. Common Element (QQ)
 - 7.2.1. CDD Environmental update JM

8. New Business

9. Old Business

10. Audience -Comments:

11. Next meeting is March 7, 2024

12. Adjourn

7.2.1 CDD Environmental Update

To maintain the beauty and diversity of Florida's native species and to promote open views, the CDD Environmental Committee, with the assistance of Mid-Atlantic Landscaping, have begun removing Willows and Salt Bush in CDD conservation areas along Riverwood Drive. Although native to Florida, if left unchecked, Willows and Salt Bush will create dense mono-cultures over time. Combining our efforts to cleanup storm debris, left in the wake of Hurricane Ian, we continue to follow permit guidelines from South West Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) leaving debris in the preserves to decay naturally.

This coming Monday, CDD contractors will be using heavy equipment to remove the Brazilian Peppers along the exit side of Riverwood's entrance. The project scope includes clearing, mulching, and leveling of the area from the guardhouse to the new flag pole and all the way back to the lake. The existing Oaks and Palms will be preserved to provide a mature foundation for future landscaping projects and the continued beautification of Riverwood's entrance.

The CDD Environmental Committee has recently planted Yellow Cannas along the lake front at Riverwood Drive and Club Drive. These are Aquatic species, native to Florida, which support beautiful yellow flowers; they spread by rhizomes and grow two to three feet in height. Additionally, Crystal Clear Fountains has been contracted to replace the fountains on this lake and the lake at the corner Club Drive and Eagle Trace.

This year has been unseasonably wet for "dry season." Our typical maintenance activities will resume as water levels recede and we can gain better access to our preserves.

Regards,
John Mercer

