

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
GRAND HAVEN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

A Community Workshop of the Grand Haven Community Development District's Board of Supervisors and a Tour of Ocean Hammock was held on **Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the **Grand Haven Room, Grand Haven Village Center, 2001 Waterside Parkway, Palm Coast, Florida 32137.**

**Present at the meeting and constituting a quorum were:**

Peter Chiodo	Chairman
Charles Trautwein	Vice Chairman
Dennis Cross	Assistant Secretary
Samuel Halley	Assistant Secretary
Dr. Stephen Davidson	Assistant Secretary

**Also present were:**

Craig Wrathell	District Manager
Doug Paton	Wrathell, Hart, Hunt & Associates, LLC
Barry Kloptosky	Operations Manager
Howard McGaffney	Amenity Center Manager
Roy Deary	AMG
Joe J. Sowards	Univ. of Florida Master Gardener Program
Ruth Micieli	Univ. of Florida Master Gardener Program
Steve Hatcher	Ocean Hammock POA
Louise Letter	Horticulturalist
Brian Martin	Austin Outdoor
Ann Butler	Master Gardner
Residents	

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wrathell called the roll, noting, for the record, that all Supervisors were present at Roll Call.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Presentations**

- **Joe J. Sowards, *Multi-county Horticulture Agent***

Mr. Sowards gave a presentation on Florida Friendly Landscaping. A copy of the presentation will be stored in the District's records.

- **Ruth Micieli, *Horticulture Program Assistant II and Master Gardener Coordinator***

Ms. Micieli gave a presentation on the Florida Yards and Neighborhood Program. A copy of the presentation will be stored in the District's records.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Depart for Ocean Hammock On-site Guided Tour (11:30 a.m.)**

The Board departed for the tour at 11:40 a.m. Other attendees arrived at 12:09 a.m., at the Ocean Hammock Utility Office.

Discussion was held on the savings due to increased plant spacing and the reduction of plant rotations from four (4) to two (2) planned rotations; however, the budget included three (3) rotations to account for any unplanned plant loss. The purchased plants were bought directly, resulting in a lower, negotiated price. Dialogue continued as to planting the right plants in the right place. For example, if a plant has lower water needs, it should be planted in a dry area and a plant needing a lot of water should be planted in a wet area. Such practices reduce plant die off and unnecessary watering. Also, using colorful plants, rather than flowers, reduces plant rotations and saves money. The importance of developing a consistent, unifying theme throughout the community was stressed. Ocean Hammock created high impact planting areas, which were areas with a lot of traffic and viewing opportunities. Areas that were not as visible and had less traffic contained fewer plants. The community concentrated flowers at strategic locations, such as the entrances. The Ocean Hammock plan removed maintenance intensive plants and included hand pruning plants and bushes to create a healthier plant and extend the useful life of the plant. Discussion was held as to the possibility of Austin Outdoor hand pruning, rather than mechanical pruning; the cost of labor would be offset by the increase in the effectiveness and the decrease in the frequency of trimming.

The tour ended at approximately 2:10 p.m.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Return to Village Center (2:30 p.m.)**

The Board returned to the Village Center around 2:36 p.m.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion: Ocean Hammock Tour**

The Board discussed the lessons learned from the tour and agreed that the implementation of a similar program in Grand Haven would help the District adhere to the new Federal and State Water Quality Standards in Florida. A program would save the District money due to the reduced maintenance, water and fertilizer expenses. The Board discussed creating a unified theme to implement throughout the entire community.

Discussion ensued regarding a proposal from horticulturalist Louise Leister. She would help in designing a landscape plan and preparing the details for the upcoming RFP for Landscape Services. Supervisor Davidson stated he will contact Ms. Leister to get a proposal for the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Mr. Wrathell suggested contacting District Counsel in regard to revising the current Austin Outdoors agreement and, upon the contract's expiration, proceeding on a month-by-month basis. The revisions would allow Staff and the Horticulturalists time to develop a new scope of services that is financially sound and most beneficial to the needs of the District.

**SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**

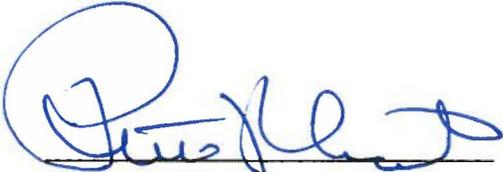
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

**On MOTION by Supervisor Trautwein and seconded by Supervisor Davidson, with all in favor of adjourning.**



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Secretary/Assistant Secretary



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Chairman/Vice Chairman