

Landscape Committee Meeting

February 26, 2008

Attending: J. Hunt, D. Luttrell, C. Maeder, S. Stinson, D. Lisbon (*ex officio*)

The Committee decided to accept Proposal # 540 from Crawford Landscaping for the planting of summer annuals. The total number of plants was appropriately revised down from the earlier proposal, which the Committee had correctly questioned. The cost is \$2,749.50 for 705 annuals: pentas behind the spa and coleus in all areas on the east side. For the summer no annuals will be planted around the Royal Palms. However, because of the water rationing, Crawford will not issue a warranty for the annuals as they did in the past. The cost of annuals is covered in the budget for landscaping.

The Committee also decided that next year we should not plant annuals around the first Royal Palm on both the north and south sides of the driveway entrance. The annuals show up much better when grass surrounds them, and those two Palms are within the shrubbery areas.

Dave has had several discussions with people from Crawford about installing a low volume irrigation system in our annuals beds. The Committee looked at and discussed Proposal #546 for this, which would cost \$3,152.22. The system would be buried about 4 inches under the beds so that the roots would receive the water seepage. Dave will speak with the Crawford people about the Committee's insistence that Crawford's normal warranty on annuals should be in effect if we should install such a system. The Committee thought that, if we were to install low volume irrigation, it might be better to do so in the fall rather than now, just before the rainy season. The installation of this system would come from the reserve fund for Capital Expenses.