

## Landscape Committee Meeting

May 15, 2008

In attendance: D. Luttrell, C. Maeder, S. Stinson, D. Lisbon (*ex officio*)

Mike McNeill from Crawford Landscaping came to address some complaints we had.

1. The coleus planted around the fountain looks good and is growing rapidly. The coleus planted in front of the Sorrento signs and in the entry island are not the same varieties we expected. They are of varying sizes and of duller color. There are stripes of three types in front of the sign instead of just two. Crawford will redo the areas in front of the signs using the same two varieties of coleus used in front of the fountain.
2. Crawford will rebury the irrigation pipes that were exposed during the planting of the annuals.
3. About half a dozen Pentas behind the spa have died. Crawford will replace them.
4. We have armadillos digging all over our property, searching for grubs, their food of choice. Suzanne requested that Crawford spray for grubs, and Mike said they would.
5. The lawn people have not been edging well on the west side of the building. That will be remedied.

Response to Crawford's hurricane clean-up proposal: In the aftermath of a hurricane, we will call upon Crawford to stake or remove damaged trees. Our maintenance men can handle the removal of small debris (palm fronds, small branches, etc.). Dave would dictate to the company what tasks they would be needed for.

Crawford did a soil test where our Ixoras are planted along the driveway. The results show that Ixoras will not prosper there, even with large infusions of chemicals, because the pH factor is way too high.

We considered a proposal from Crawford for the removal of the Ixoras on the west side of the driveway as far as the path, with sod filling in the hillside except for circles around each Royal Palm that could be used for annuals during the winter. The proposal also called for planting more Mexican Petunias on each side of the walk down to the driveway. We decided to table the proposal for now and to ask for some suggestions from Crawford's landscape architect for a long-range plan for the areas along the driveway that still have the weakening Ixoras. A plan that might be realized in steps would be useful.

There was a suggestion from an owner that the hedge around the fountain be trimmed much lower or be totally removed. The committee decided to leave it as is for now. The present landscapers have been trimming it lower and maintaining its shape.