

**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.
5555 Perimeter Drive**

Council Chamber

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Reiner called the March 29, 2023 Community Development Committee meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Ms. Amorose Groomes, Mr. Keeler, and Mr. Reiner

Staff present: Ms. Noble, Ms. Mullinax, Mr. Hiatt

Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Amorose Groomes moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 CDC meeting. Mr. Keeler seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes

2023 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grants

Ms. Mullinax reviewed the 2023 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant applications. She shared a map indicating the two neighborhoods requesting grants. The total budget dedicated to the Beautify Your Neighborhood Grants is \$32,000 for the two 2023 grant cycle. There were two requests, both requesting the maximum amount of \$5,000 for a total request of \$10,000. The remaining budgeted amount for fall grant applicants is \$22,000. Planning recommends the Community Development Committee review and make recommendations of approval to City Council for both spring 2023 Beautify Your Neighborhood Grant applications.

- The Lakes of Dunmere – Request: \$5,000

Ms. Mullinax stated that the proposed project areas are on the north and south sides of the entrance of Muirfield Drive and Dunabbey Loop which are owned and maintained by The Lakes of Dunmere Association. They have hired West Point Landscape and Design for the proposed removal of plantings that are no longer thriving and replacement with a variety of native plant species appropriate for the climate. The landscaping will be bordered by a twelve-inch dry-stacked limestone wall to retain the soil bed.

Mr. Reiner invited forward a representative from The Lakes of Dunmere.

Ellen Jewell, 5961 Dunabbey Loop, stated that The Lakes of Dunmere is a community of about 60+ units of mostly retired individuals. They have a maintenance company that services all lawns and landscape beds. This project

concerns all original plantings from when the development began in 1998. The plantings are at least 20 years old and desperately need replaced. They want to enhance the front with a stone wall. Mr. Reiner expressed appreciation of the association's fountains.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if they are intending to power wash the existing stone. Ms. Jewell answered that was done last year. Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the drawings for the wall call for two inches of compacted gravel and adhesive on top of stone. Because there are only two inches, it might be beneficial if they put adhesive between all layers. Ms. Jewell stated that she is not sure why that was not planned, and she will discuss that with the contractor. Mr. Keeler stated that the quote does not include what she suggested but it would increase durability. Mr. Reiner stated that you could ask about a dimensionally wider stone, which would last longer. Mr. Reiner thanked the applicant for updating and investing in the community.

Ms. Amorose Groomes moved to recommend approval of this application to Council. Mr. Keeler seconded.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes.

- The Villas at St. Andrews – Request: \$5,000

Ms. Mullinax stated that the proposed project area is the condo frontage and the main entrance on Monterey Drive along with the landscape buffer along Frantz Road. These areas are owned and maintained by The Villas at St. Andrews condominium association. The neighborhood hired Riechle Brothers to remove and replace old landscaping with a variety of native plants and trees that are climate appropriate.

Mr. Reiner invited forward a representative from The Villas at St. Andrews. Caleb Smith, 304 St. Andrews Drive, stated that the members have not been on the board for too long but it seems that the landscape areas have become barren as things keep being torn down due to windstorms and not replanted. This is a large project, which will go up and down the private drive as well. This is part of a much larger project. They are trying to make this area long, lush and green.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked about the makeup of the association. Mr. Smith explained that they were an apartment complex and in 2004, the units were individually sold off as condominiums. They do not know the percentages of owners/renters yet. Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if one person owns the majority of units. Mr. Smith stated that after checking the auditor's website, it does not seem like more than two or three units are owned by one owner.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the project includes an installment along Frantz Road. She asked if we can verify that this project is consistent with any project in the area approved by Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Reiner stated that there is a plan from the 1980s for along Frantz Road. Mr. Keeler

stated that the plant selection is creative, interesting and sustainable. Mr. Reiner and Ms. Amorose Groomes shared their satisfaction with the plant list.

Ms. Amorose Groomes moved to recommend approval of this application of Council. Mr. Keeler seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes;
Mr. Keeler, yes.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



Chair, Community Development Committee



Deputy Clerk of Council