

## B&G COMMITTEE UPDATE to Board 11/21/24

- **Hurricane Update**
    - The Committee continues to work with Expert to identify planting beds that are not recovering from the salt/wind and identify if replacement due to the hurricane is needed; and if so that a more tolerant species be considered. A list is being developed and includes some lost flowering trees in addition to shrubs.
  - **Annual Beds**
    - Annual plantings are going in this week. Some beds received perennial ornamental plantings which should reduce cost as they tend to last over a year (without storm surge).
  - **Holiday Lighting**
    - While final decorations come up just after Thanksgiving, our palms are pre-wrapped. The intention is, once lit, is to keep the palms lit through mid-April, although the wreathes and garland will come down after New Year.
  - **Regular replacement plantings**
    - The median PH levels continue to dampen the ability of our Ixora (or most any plant) to bloom. The committee has asked for options from Expert that they might consider for the 4 remaining Ixora beds. While color is desired it may need to be via an attractive plant versus counting on an attractive bloom.
    - We are seeking a quote to fill in the holes left by exotics removed along the Lighthouse Lane lake fence line. This was screened/buffered with Areca but they have thinned over the years and are prone to disease. We believe green buttonwood may be most suitable to handle the wet/dry conditions, re-establish the buffer and allow for us to adjust the overall desired height, in time.
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- As reported last month, ALD has completed conceptual designs and the Board approved for the next phase, which is the preparation of Contract Documents (CD's). These are the technical plans and material specifications needed to obtain true estimates as well as building permits. The proposed design meets our driving objectives of:
    - enhanced security, and
    - a look that is consistent with that of Windstar's Main Entrance on Bayshore Boulevard.
  - A conceptual estimate to replace the walls, landscape, add signage and lighting is in the \$125k range but in the past, it is the vendor estimates that will determine the clearest expense expectation and ultimately what the Board will consider for approval.