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# MEMO

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**FROM: Emily M. O'Mahoney, ASLA**

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**RE: Landscape Report**

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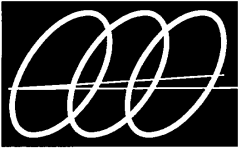
This is a report following the on-site meeting with Chris Snell and Heather Nevel on April 26, 2011. We will execute a landscape refurbishment plan that the HOA can follow as you take on improvements. The following comments are general in nature and tend to address maintenance issues.

Issues:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> floors complain about trees blocking views
2. The need to change out lower material
3. Material in lanai planter boxes
4. Planter pots

Maintenance:

- Shrub material (Cocoplum & Firebush), which fronts the Mangrove native areas, should be hand pruned into a softer more nature shape. Pruning and trimming activity should happen a lot less to allow the natural characteristic of the plant to come through. 'Naturalistic' is not monthly shearing with sharp edges.
- Planters surrounding the parking area were designed to have soil to the top. It appears that there is only about 12-18" of soil/drainage which is inadequate to grow trees. This may be why the Ligustrum are not doing very well here. If this can not be fixed, I would suggest that shrub material be maintained to be seen from cars – so at least 12 " above the cap of the wall.



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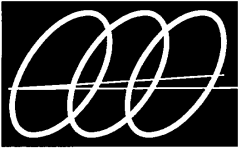
- Allow Ligustrum trees to achieve a beautiful umbrella shape. Many of them have been over pruned.
- North side Gumbo Limbos – suggest a substitution of Sand Live Oak at 3 to 1, a species that will only grow the 15-20' at the most. They are slow growing, expensive and hard to buy large. This will resolve the blocking of views by the Gumbo Limbos.
- Remove all vines from the wetland preserve area as they will smother the material you want to encourage. This should be done yearly.
- Remove all exotic pest material from Mangroves as mandated in the maintenance agreement for this area.
- The dying Coconut Palm in a planter near the pool should be replaced with a triple Alexander Palm, not more Coconuts, due to root issues and view blockage.
- Add one Ligustrum Tree along marina to continue the Ligustrum spacing.
- Add one Hibiscus Standard along marina to continue the Hibiscus spacing.
- Let the Geiger trees grow rather than pruning them back. They make great understory trees but tend to be unique character trees.
- In general, barring the Gumbo Limbos on the north side, the trees are in good shape and form for their species. Certain trees and palms around the building will continue to grow and change the viewing pattern of unit owners. This is natural. The trees frame and enhance views, creating a strong sense of place. It is the intent of the plan to both accent the building from the outside and the views from the inside by the strategic placement of palms. Typically, it is the palms that are up close to the building which may be blocking for a period of time. Palms have limited spreads and are periodically trimmed to reduce the number of fronds, making it easier to see through them.
- The landscape refurbishment plan will address all the proposed shrub and groundcover changes.

### Planting Pots

In general, a mixed plant and plant type will work best and be most forgiving. You want something tall, medium and draping OR one accent plant (spread beyond the pot edge) plus a ground cover, draping or otherwise.

### For Shade:

- Anthuriums
- Spathiphyllum – Peace Lily
- Bromeliads
- Most tropicals will work here
- Ivy



For Sun:

- Most annuals and perennials in the winter months under an accent plant.

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Accents:

- Dessert Rose (full sun) (Japanese character)
- Carrissa (Natal Plum) (full sun) (Japanese character)
- Pinwheel Jasmine (full sun) (Japanese character)
- Howea Palm (shade)
- Dwarf Date Palm