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From: William Gurney
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 10:53 AM
To: Heather H
Cc: Elizabeth Arocho; Bruce Wagner; Michelle Diaz
Subject: Re: FLOWER AWARD suggestion

Ms. Hasandras,

I was hoping to have some answers to your questions about additional landscaping on Big Blue. I did see a set of plans for the section you are questioning, but I'm not sure when this project will take place. I will reach back out when I have additional information.

Some of the changes you proposed to the format of the Flower Award need to be brought up at the next Tree Board meeting. We can add an item to the agenda and discuss.

I will speak to upper management about some of the ways you recommended to promote the Flower Award.

It was nice to see you at the Earth Day event on Saturday. I feel part of the small turnout was due to the Mounts Botanical Garden event that went on the same weekend as the Wellington event.

Thanks,
William



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From: Heather H <dignityguardianship@gmail.com>
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Subject: FLOWER AWARD suggestion

This Message originated outside your organization.

Hi William,

This FLOWER Award has been on my mind that we had such a poor turn out, and 1 of the 2 was not fabulous at all. It was an overgrown mess. The way the board and City get the word out on this needs to change. Also participation needs to increase with the Tree board, Doesn't seem like any board members are helping at the tent on Earth Day, or are they?

These awards should encourage residents and businesses to uphold high standards of landscaping to keep Wellington looking nice. We really need a better turn out for the city on this.

For the business category: I believe that we need to engage with the Chamber of Commerce division to get the businesses involved. Also, the school gardens should be involved as an institutional winner, and get the word also out better to the residents than just doing an announcement at the Garden Club. We are missing many residents. Maybe having an insert like you do with Earth day, but for the Flower awards. Also for local businesses, maybe we can get an incentive from the city for them. Maybe the code enforcement officers can also nominate in the future residential properties they see.

There should be one overall residential winner, one institutional winner, and one commercial property winner for the City as a whole.

I wanted to tell you that I saw the new plantings at the Publix on Wellington Trace and it is fabulous. It's a shame that they are not included in this FLOWER award for the business under commercial category. They planted several native Florida Coontie plants in the medians, it looks very nice.

Businesses would take pride in having a little plaque that they can hang in their business from the city. and a homeowner having a sign in their yard for this.

This is excellent PR for the council members to give a school an award with photos of the kids, and for the Chamber of Commerce to have a photo with a local business, and a Tree board member. These photos can be on the City website, and give their business exposure, which is great.

Just wanted to share these thoughts. I am looking forward to more involvement on this Tree board, and in the city.

I also wanted to ask you about the landscaping south of Wellington Trace on Big Blue. Any word on when that may be happening? I had my father come to visit and he thought that the north side of Big Blue was a different city because the south part didn't look the same.

I do think it is important to have continuity in landscaping and there needs to be some trees planted in the swales at least on the south portion of Big Blue, which will help with the tree canopy and help with shading the walkways in the summer heat. Many people walk there on Big Blue and ride bikes. Also there should be recycle and garbage cans in a few places south of Wellington Trace on Big Blue, as there are kids that get picked up from school buses there and walkers need somewhere to throw their water bottles.

Thank you for your help in the city. Anyway I can be more helpful, please let me know. Since I live here, I'd like this to be the best place ever.

All the best,
Heather

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