



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Staff Report

PROJECT NAME
Genova; Via Coconut Point Median Landscaping
CASE NUMBER
DOS2015-E002
MEETING DATE
June 12, 2019
REQUEST
Development Order for Via Coconut Point Median Landscaping
APPLICANT
John DeBitetto; Genova Coconut Point
LOCATION
Via Coconut Point south of Corkscrew Road fronting Genova
PROPERTY SIZE
N/A
ZONING
Right of Way Median, Via Coconut Point
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING DATES
At a public hearing on September 14, 2016 the Genova Development Order was approved but the Via Coconut Point median landscaping was deferred so that the Village could further review the landscape plan.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Development Order median landscaping plan for a portion of Via Coconut Point fronting on the Genova project.

The Design Review Board should review the project for compliance with general criteria of Ordinance 15-01; that is, the project must be harmonious with the community and proposed developments in the general area, in conformity with good design, contributing to the image of the Village, not of inferior quality, and consistent with the Land Development Code. If the Design Review Board denies the application, it must state its findings regarding the criteria.

Project Summary

This subject request consists of the median landscaping for Via Coconut Point fronting on the Genova project from Corkscrew Road south to the future access to Estero Community Park. The installation and future maintenance of this landscaping by the developer was required as a condition of the Zoning for this project (Ordinance No. 2016-08). During the public hearing at the Design Review Board (DRB) on September 14, 2016, when the Genova DO was approved, the Village asked for a delay in the approval of the landscaping plan so that the Village could review the plan and confirm that it was consistent with the type of landscaping that the Village desired in the right of way. That landscaping plan is now before the DRB for approval.

Request

The applicant is asking for approval of the median landscaping plan for the Genova Development Order. The plan has been reviewed by the Village Public Works Director, an independent Professional Landscape Architect retained by the Village and Village Development Review staff for compliance with FDOT standards and for the size, species and location of the proposed plantings. The Genova developer, who will install and maintain the landscaping, also approved the plan.

During the review of the landscape plans several revisions were implemented. The originally proposed plan showed Shady Lady Black Olive Trees spaced at 23 feet on center. Those Black Olives within the "sight line" were increased to 40 feet on center to comply with FDOT standards and those outside the "sight line" were increased to 30 feet on center to allow space for canopy development. Originally proposed Coontie which are located within the "sight line" were changed to Dwarf Yaupon Holly shrubs that will better tolerate the maximum 24 inch height which must be maintained under FDOT standards. The proposed Foxtail Palms, which are considered to be heavy feeders requiring increased fertilizer, irrigation, and maintenance, were changed to Montgomery Palms which require less maintenance to maintain health and aesthetics in the roadway median setting.

The recommendation is for the Design Review Board approval of the plan.

Exhibit

- A. Via Coconut Point Median Landscape Plan Sheet L-1 dated May 2019, Sheet Number 01 of 01 [8-1/2" x 11" and 24" x 36" size]