

Englewood Isles Parkway Association., Inc. – A Brief History

The Englewood Isles entrance area that includes the large center island with the mature oak trees and the garden areas along Englewood Isles Parkway two bridges makes for picturesque views that are the front door to our Paradise.

The history of Englewood Isles is a history of countless volunteers and HOAs that have supported with their time and finances for the maintenance and improvement of their neighborhoods and the community's front door are all part of the equation.

The original developers of Englewood Isles, the Kroh Brothers went through bankruptcy in early 1987. The HOAs common to the parkway decided to form an organization to continue the maintenance of the 776 entrance area and the Englewood Isles Parkway median west to Dover Drive.

The Englewood Isles Parkway Association, Inc. came into being as a Not for Profit Corporation in 1988 with each HOA to have one representative and one vote. Each HOA pledged its financial support and the first year's due were \$20 per parcel. Currently the dues are \$59 per parcel.

In the early years the Parkway Board signed an agreement with FPL to provide fixtures for lighting the 776 entrance and the parkway, so part of the dues provides the electricity for lighting the parkway.

Several years ago, the Parkway Board decided to consider an overall landscape plan for the parkway. Units 1 and 2 took the lead in this endeavor and a plan was put in place, approved by the county and modified over the years as needed.

At about the same time, Sarasota County announced that a permit was required to complete and maintain any planting on county property. The permit has been obtained by the Parkway Board.

The Parkway Board decided to fund the landscape plan through donations and named the separate account at the bank Improvement Fund. The fund was used to add and change planting areas along the parkway but has not been used in several years.

Currently the Parkway Board is in the process of working on a plan to renovate and update the walls at the front entrance. To accomplish this task part of the funding will come from the Improvement Fund, pledged contribution from one HOA, contributions from the community at large and by applying for a grant through the Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program with Sarasota County. The Parkway Board realized the entrance walls need some repair and that a major updating should be undertaken as they haven't had major work done in 20 years when 776 was widened in 1998.

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