

OPEN MEETING

REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 13, 2019 – 9:00 A.M. Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room 24351 El Toro Road

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair - Maggie Blackwell, Manuel Armendariz, Anthony Liberatore

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman, Andre Torng

ADVISORS PRESENT: Catherine Brians

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Acknowledgment of Media

No media were present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Wiemann requested that "Discuss Creek Boundaries" be added as a future agenda item. Director Armendariz made a motion to add that item and approve the agenda. Director Liberatore seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report for April 11, 2019

Director Armendariz made a motion to approve the report. Director Liberatore seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

5. Chair's Remarks

None.

6. Member Comments

Andre Torng (389-Q) stated that some grass in his area is more than a foot tall. He brought some of the grass to illustrate.

Cass Poole (97-G) Is the long grass going to be cut soon? There are large mowing marks and a leak against the carport and walkway. Mr. Wiemann said they will look into these items.

Roberta Berk (389-Q) She thanked Staff for a fast response she received through Resident Services. She stated that grass areas had turned to dirt in some areas, especially near a Sewer Department building at the creek. Plants have been removed, only dirt there now.

Cyrus Overman (946-A) He just purchased his unit and is remodeling it. There are transients coming over the shepherds hooks by his unit. He asked if bougainvillea can be grown on the fence.

7. Response to Member Comments

Director Armendariz said Mr. Torng should fill out landscape request form and let Staff know the areas where the grass is tall.

Director Armendariz said to Mr. Overman that Director Sue Margolis follows up on Members' remarks at the Board meetings so, at next Board meeting, there should be an answer for him.

Mr. Wiemann told Ms. Burke that he is aware of problems at the Creek and is working towards restoring it to a better condition.

Mr. Wiemann reported that he is changing the turf maintenance methodology and will be doing it weekly. He will reach out to Mr. Torng to let him know about the grass in his area. There was a Staff meeting yesterday about landscaping clean up and blowing of grass. There is 152 miles of edging to do in the Village. He will be working on re-training Staff to keeping edges closer to the shrub beds. They are also starting lawn mower training and new types of mowers are being added. Staff is also addressing the bare spots.

8. Department Head Update

None.

Consent: None

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9. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log with the committee.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

Tree Removal Requests

10. Request for Tree Removals: Building 48 Calle Cadiz – Three Canary Island Pines

Director Armendariz made a motion to approve Staff's recommendation and approve this request. Director Liberatore seconded. All were in favor.

11. Request for Tree Removal: 916-D Avenida Majorca - Aleppo Pine

Director Armendariz made motion to approve Staff's recommendation and deny this request. Director Liberatore seconded. All were in favor.

Items for Future Agendas:

- 12. Herbicide Usage Update (in 4 months)
- 13. Discuss Creek Boundaries

Concluding Business:

14. Committee Member Comments

Several comments were made.

- 15. Date of Next Meeting August 8, 2019
- 15. Adjournment at 9:39 a.m.

Maggie Blackwell, Chair Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer

Eve Morton, Landscape Operations Coordinator – 268-2565