

OPEN MEETING

REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair-Lynn Jarrett, Jon Pearlstone, Cush Bhada, Anne McCary, Reza Karimi

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT: James Tung

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

Chair Jarrett called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Director McCary made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Karimi seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of May 2, 2019 Report

Director Bhada moved to approve the Report. Director Karimi seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett reported that Staff and the Board are working on the 2020 budget. The Water Board said there are no irrigation leaks in the Village which is good news.

6. Member Comments - (Items Not on the Agenda)

Ed McGill (2390-2C) He spoke about Wandering Jew plant. It's just thin, green wire but no flowering. It's choking out the Calla Lilly.

Shirley Crowell-Pfister (2273-A) Why no more yellow stake program? Three of us do extensive gardening. We changed it to succulents and it looks great. They are trimming too much of the trees and shrubs and I am exposed. Can I know when they are coming? Also, after mowers come through, they blow everything onto her succulents. Several times we have called the supervisor and don't get a response.

Eileen Lazar (5220) The landscape request she made through the website worked! Thank you. Sometimes there is an error in the Globe for shrub maintenance. The asparagus fern is growing wildly after the rains. Any plans to get that away?

Barbara Banks (5090) By Gate 11, the blowers blow grass around and I have leaves from the other end of the cul de sac. Are we going to be aerating the lawns? Her Carrotwood tree is getting heavy. When will it be trimmed?

Nushin Asgarinik (2113-A) We asked for landscaping a couple of years ago and nothing has been done. Last summer, it was dry and plants got yellow and no grass. In October, she asked for some change. She put in a new request. She is the only house that has no green grass and dying plants.

Mary Rhodes (5369-2A) He is a three-story unit. Weeds have melded into the grass. The walkway growth is six inches high. We used to have a team of gardeners who did everything and listened to us. Now, everyone has a specific job rather than having total pride in taking care of this place. The weeds on the sidewalks by Clubhouse 6 are out of control.

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann responded:

(2390-C) He will have someone look into it. He will also see if that is a slope that will be contracted out.

(2273-A) Advisor Tung explained that the yellow stake program grew out of control so it had to be ended. Also, some plants the Members put in demanded a lot of watering. You can still make a request, and Staff or the committee will make a decision on it. Mr. Wiemann will look into the hedge trimming at her unit. He reported that Staff is going to start mowing weekly. Landscaping is purchasing five new mowers this year and will gradually replace all. Staff has been instructed to blow trimmings back onto the grass. A dedicated landscaping ticket team is starting next week.

Director Bhada said a lot of people planted fruit trees with the yellow stake program and it was causing a rodent problem since people didn't trim the trees.

(5220) The wild asparagus is being trimmed to two feet tall.

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(5369-2A) Mr. Wiemann reported that the goal is to have Staff work on each manor four times a year. He will look into Mr. Rhodes' concern. Weeds do have three months to grow between Staff visits.

(2113-A) He will look into her request.

(5090) There is no money in this year's budget to trim trees.

8. Department Head Update

None.

Consent Calendar:

None.

Reports:

9. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log with the committee.

Advisor Tung requested before and after pictures of lawn aeration. Mr. Wiemann explained that there wouldn't be noticeable change until next spring.

10. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

<u>Items for Future Agendas:</u>

11. Review Landscape Manual

12. Status of Irrigation Survey

Concluding Business

13. Committee Member Comments

Several comments were made.

- **14.** Date of Next Meeting Will be moved to July 8 since July 4 is a holiday.
- 15. Adjournment at 10:16 a.m.

Lynn Jarrett, Chair

Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer

Eve Morton - 268-2565