

#### **OPEN MEETING**

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 12, 2022 - 9:30 A.M. **BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING** Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room 24351 El Toro Road

#### REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Diane Casey, Maggie Blackwell, Anthony Liberatore substituting for Lenny Ross

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Lenny Ross** 

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 9:30 a.m.

#### 2. Acknowledgment of Media

No media were present.

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

Director Blackwell made a motion to add an item to the agenda called "Discuss the Proposed Canary Island Pine Tree Project and Ad-Hoc Committee." President Liberatore seconded. The committee was in unanimous support to approve the additional item.

#### 4. Approval of the Meeting Report for April 14, 2022

Director Blackwell made a motion to approve the Report. The committee was in unanimous support.

#### 5. Chair's Remarks

None.

#### 6. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann shared some Key Performance Index slides with the committee and answered some questions.

#### a) Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log with the committee.

#### b) Graph Comparing Village Water Usage Over Time

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

#### 7. Member Comments (Items not on the agenda)

Topics included:

- The Landscape Request Form
- · Questions about roots and trees
- · Using herds of goats to keep grass trimmed
- Requests for new sprinkler heads

#### 8. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann stated that he will look into each comment and address them.

Director Blackwell directed one resident to attend the Community Activities Committee to make comments about the Garden Centers.

Mr. Wiemann requested that residents call Resident Services if they see a broken sprinkler head.

## 9. (Addition to agenda) Discuss Canary Island Pine Tree Reduction Project and Ad-Hoc Committee

Director Blackwell made a motion to cancel the proposed Canary Island Pine Tree Reduction Project. President Liberatore seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Director Blackwell made a motion to continue with an Ad-Hoc committee in order to educate interested parties about tree care. President Liberatore seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Chair Casey stated that the residents who have expressed an interest in being on the Ad-Hoc committee, will be emailed and asked to submit a short paragraph indicating why they feel they would be a good candidate for the Ad-Hoc committee. Responses will be given to the Directors on this committee, who will then review them, and name the eight people chosen for the Ad-Hoc committee at the June Landscape Committee meeting. Then, that recommendation must go to the Board for approval.

Member comments on this topic included:

- Questions regarding the environmental report
- · Reasons for thinning of trees should be further discussed
- · Ad-Hoc committee should have multiple points of view

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the process of tree removal requests submitted by Members.

President Liberatore stated that an Ad-Hoc committee is great because more residents are involved in decision making.

Mr. Wiemann report that appropriated funds will be used for environmental report and any leftover money will go to tree trimming.

Director Liberatore left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

### 10. Tree Removal Request: 126-T Avenida Majorca - One Canary Island Pine Tree

Director Blackwell made a motion to deny staffs' recommendation and to approve the request for removal of this tree. The committee was in unanimous support.

# 11. Tree Removal Request: 698-C Avenida Sevilla – One Canary Island Pine Tree (located at 717-C Avenida Sevilla)

Director Blackwell made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny this request. The committee was in unanimous support.

## 12. Tree Removal Request: 840-O Rhonda Sevilla – Two Carrotwood Trees

Director Blackwell made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny the request to remove the 35-foot-tall Carrotwood. The committee was in unanimous support.

Director Blackwell made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve the request for removal of the volunteer Carrotwood tree. The committee was in unanimous support.

#### Concluding Business:

#### 13. Committee Member Comments

Various comments were made.

- 14. Date of Next Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2022
- 15. Adjournment at 11:10 a.m.