

## **OPEN MEETING**

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 5, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. BOARD ROOM AND VIRTUAL MEETING Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road

## REPORT

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair - Lynn Jarrett, Ralph Engdahl, Donna Rane-Szostak, Annie McCary

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Reza Karimi** 

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT:

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

The agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of the June 11, 2021 Report

The report was approved by consensus.

#### 5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett stated this is the first time in a long time that this meeting is in the Board room. Welcome.

This is the time of the year when weeds are growing.

Don't forget that Landscape Request Forms are on the website. Only one signature is needed on form for each of your neighboring manors.

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The landscape crew schedules are also on the website.

Many residents speak to me about putting in more drought tolerant plants. It is expensive to remove turf and put in these plants and there is no more money for this in this year's budget. We have some money planned for more of these projects in next year's budget.

She thanked Kurt for all that he has done.

### 6. Department Head Update

### 6a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log information with the committee and answered some questions.

## 6b. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

#### 6c. Ticket Slides

Mr. Wiemann reviewed some information regarding landscape tickets and answered some questions.

The budget for Landscaping should stay the same for next year, with the same service levels.

#### Consent:

None

# Items for Discussion and Consideration

# 7. Tree Removal Request: 3023-B Calle Sonora (Taylor) - One Magnolia tree

Director McCary made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request. Director Engdahl seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

# 8. Tree Removal Request: 3230-C Via Carrizo (Chen) – One Italian Stone Pine and Three Eucalyptus Trees

Mr. Chen was present at the meeting and addressed the committee.

The committee denied the request for the removal of one Stone Pine tree and three Eucalyptus trees, however, they approved a hard trimming of the trees ahead of the rainy season to reduce any potential hazards. The trees will get a regular trimming in the future as needed.

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

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# 9. Off Schedule tree trimming Request: 3335-1D (Schneider) – One Silver Dollar Eucalyptus tree

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

# 10. Landscape Revision Request: 3157-B Alta Vista (Keck)

Director Engdahl made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request at the expense of the owner. Director McCary seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

11. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

None.

12. Response to Member Comments

None.

Future Agenda Items

### **Concluding Business:**

13. Committee Member Comments

Director Rane-Szostak discussed an El Toro Water District (ETWD) study in 2019 regarding drought resistant plants and now more than 62,000 feet of Village turf has been replaced with drought resistant plants.

The irrigation system is being updated.

Third's Mutual's landscaping water now is primarily recycled water.

Mr. Wiemann reported that ETWD found the Village to be 98 percent efficient in water usage.

Chair Jarrett is very happy that the Landscaping budget won't be cut for next year. She is very happy with the job Mr. Wiemann is doing.

- 14. Date of Next Meeting Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.
- 15. Adjournment at 10:42 a.m.

Lynn Jarrett (Aug 10, 2021 08:02 PDT)

Lynn Jarrett, Chair Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer Eve Morton, Landscape Coordinator – 268-2565