



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, December 9, 2021 – 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, Pearl Lee,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT: None.

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 approve the agenda. The committee was in unanimous support.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report for November 12, 2021

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

5. Chair's Remarks

Chair Casey stated this is her first time chairing a committee.

6. Department Head Update

a. Project Log

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

b. Off-Schedule Tree Work

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

Mr. Wiemann presented a PowerPoint of the Landscape Department's Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and answered some questions.

7. Member Comments (Items not on the agenda)

A member made a short presentation regarding kikuyu grass and that it can cause allergies and irritations to pets who walk on the grass.

Member asked if his request to remove a Canary Island Pine tree would be reconsidered.

Member asked what is the average time to replace a landscaper? Mr. Wiemann said it varies but that he is contracting out for eight employees to fill in for unfilled positions in our landscape crews.

Director Skillman commented that residents should watch the Landscape Department video illustrating how the Village nursery, mulch yard, and equipment shop are run. It is enlightening about all that goes on in landscaping behind the scenes. It is an eye opener. Here is link to that video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FI7tl0yXCso>

8. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann stated it is not practical to take all Kikuyu grass away.

Regarding herbicide use: staff leaves flags out for two days which indicate that area was recently sprayed. Staff only sprays edges so when you see flags, keep your dog away from these areas if you are concerned. We have bought nozzle covers to reduce overspray. We have been looking at some areas in United to make them herbicide-free and we will do everything by hand in those areas. He will bring more on that to the committee next month.

As far as pine trees, he has a bid out for removing overplanted Pine trees in United. Our goal is to thin them out and he will propose to remove about 400 pines over a three-year period. He will be bringing more information about this to a future meeting.

He will look to see if the Member's Pine that he requested be removed would be on the list of pines staff is suggesting be removed during the anticipated pine removal project.

Reports:

9. Alternative Herbicide Trial

Mr. Wiemann reviewed with the committee the results of his recent herbicide trial and answered some questions. He said the result was to use a new mix of Finale™ and Oroboost™ which involves using only half the amount of Finale™ staff had been using.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

10. Tree Removal Request: 2061-A Via Mariposa E. – One Canary Island Pine

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

Concluding Business:

11. Committee Member Comments

Director Blackwell commented that it is interesting that we have new ways to handle the same problems. We try what we can. She is looking forward to see the plan to remove some of the over planted Canary Island Pines.

Director Lee stated that we are always looking at options to address resident concerns.

Mr. Wiemann stated that, in some areas, we are putting in turf alternatives which residents can still walk their dogs on. We are trying to make areas more water efficient and user-friendly.

12. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, January 13, 2022

13. Adjournment at 10:18 a.m.

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Diane Casey, Chair