



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

**Monday, August 26, 2024 – 1:30 P.M.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637
Board Room and Virtual with Zoom**

REPORT

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| COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: | Sue Quam – Chair, Anthony Liberatore, Maggie Blackwell |
| COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: | Vidya Kale |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Ellen Leonard, Georgiana Willis |
| ADVISORS PRESENT: | Mary Sinclair |
| STAFF PRESENT: | Kurt Wiemann, Megan Feliz |

1. Call to Order

Chair Quam called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment of Media

No media were present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Quam asked for the chair's remarks to be moved after the department head update. Director Blackwell made a motion to accept the agenda with changes; Director Liberatore seconded the motion. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report for July 22, 2024

The committee unanimously approved the meeting report

5. Department Head Update

6a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann notified the committee that turf reduction is completed, and waiting for final inspection. He met with Monarch today and the mapping is completed, they are now working on slopes in United. Mr. Wiemann explained that AB1572 plan is on hold at this time until the new board of directors is elected. The slope and tree schedules are both on track.

6b. Water Use Comparison Chart

The committee asked questions and Mr. Wiemann answered.

6c. Tree Work Status Report

None

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Quam informed everyone about the ETWD mailing list for informational purposes. She also explained AB1572 and how the board has decided to put everything on hold for this item until the new board is voted in. Chair Quam notified everyone she was aware of the tree limbs down this weekend and was in contact with the landscape department regarding this.

7. Member Comments (Items not on the agenda)

- One member suggested reminding the residents of policies as they constantly change.
- One member commented on CH 3 irrigation, asked if the quality control inspector has been announced, and asked about CDS 9 passive park cost and AB 1572 bottom-line savings.
- One member complained about the Crape Myrtle suckers by her unit, no edging of the grass, and asked if picnic tables around the creek are missing.
- One member complained about blowing debris onto the patio after mowing and the tree in their courtyard needing to be trimmed.
- One member commented, asking about the vegetable plants and who is responsible for removing them, asked for a rebate column on the project log, and the blower's constant oversight.
- One member complained about the slope not being maintained around CDS 16.

- One member complained about coyotes and who has control over them.
- One member commented on turf reduction options and a cheaper alternative and asked for the projected cost of the project
- One member announced the corporation meeting being held on September 5 and advised residents to attend the budget meeting if they want an increase in services.
- One member's email was provided to the committee.

8. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann and the Chair responded to member comments.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. 471-E Tree Removal Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview of the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the tree removal request.

Director Liberatore moved to accept the staff's recommendation to approve the tree removal request; Director Blackwell seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

10.312-A Tree Removal Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview of the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the tree removal request.

Chair Quam moved to accept the staff's recommendation to approve the tree removal request; Director Blackwell seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

11.CDS 40 Bench Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview of the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the tree removal request.

Chair Quam moved to accept the staff's recommendation to approve the bench request; Director Blackwell seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

12. CDS 16 Bench Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview of the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the tree removal request.

Director Blackwell moved to hold over this item indefinitely until the board decides about AB1572 turf; Chair Quam seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

13. AB 1572 Education

None

14. Clipping Ticket Pilot

Mr. Wiemann presented an alternative option to the plastic bin for the clipping pilot program. Questions were asked and answered. Director Blackwell made a motion to approve the pilot program with the grow bags for clipping pick-ups. Chair Quam seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items: *All matters listed under Future Agenda Items are items for a future committee meeting. No action will be taken by the committee on these agenda items at this meeting.*

Concluding Business

15. Committee Member Comments

Various comments were made.

16. Date of Next Meeting – September 23, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

17. Adjournment at 3:05 p.m.


Sue Quam (Sep 4, 2024 08:32 PDT)

Sue Quam, Chair

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