

## August Grounds Minutes

### Members Present

Dorothy Darden  
David Winchell  
Donna Fererra  
Larry ALvarez  
Becky Spedden  
Diane Nicholes

### Members Absent

Sybil Hewitt

**Visitor:** Carolyn Beeson

1. Fall plantings:
  - a. Suggestions from the committee were snapdragons and pansies and have them staged. Rusticscapes will give estimate and opinion of whether or not snapdragons will be available then and how hardy they will be in the winter. There is some concern that snapdragons will not survive in a cold snap.
  - b. Stage 4 of Mediterranean planting around the rest of the clubhouse must be delayed because of pending decision of the board as to whether a building will be built by the pool pump.
2. Report by Diane on Rusticscapes:
  - a. Three committee members met with Jim Economy and Alsonso on the following items:
    - Weeds will be pulled every week on residents lawn and common areas
    - Grass should be blown into the sewer openings
    - Lilies were weed wacked in the pool area instead of being pulled
    - Height of hedge: will inform Rusticscapes to be cut common area hedges to 4 ft.
3. Committee visited Claudette High concerning a complaint about flowers being broken by Rusticscapes employees. Viewed her flower bed and talked to her.
4. Common areas that need improvement:
  - a. Pea gravel used as a walkway may not be good for common areas because of safety issues.
  - b. Grounds committee will advise homeowners that some common areas will be leveled and grass sprigs started in the fall.
5. Budget rearrangement: Becky Spedden reported that she had asked the finance committee to change the controller reserve fund to a operating item and had increased the residential irrigation line item \$12,000 for 2014 and added a line item for tree pruning. Also that the HOA has spent approximately \$2000 on residential irrigation the last 2 months.

6. MUDD update: The MUDD district had mowed the dry retention pond and left a 4 ft. strip around the edge of the fence. Becky Spedden called Mick McDonnell and he said that the strip would be weed wacked the next day. It was done.
  
7. Other
  - a. Dorothy will get D Con and put in pampas grass at the end of the lake in order to cut down on possible rats
  - b. Homeowners forum:
    - a. Rusticscapes is blowing grass into sewer and A/C
    - b. ARE Calling FRS with problems and FRS is not creating a service order