

July 2015 Grounds

Members Present

Dorothy Darden

Carol Barber (board liason)

Becky Spedden

Sybil Hewitt

Donna Ferreri

Members Absent

Diane Nicolas

Carolyn Beeson

1. Update on Rusticscapes activities:
 - a. Concern forms: Updated committee on resident's concern forms. All have been addressed with the resident in question. Concerns have been relayed to Rusticscapes. Remedies for concerns are in place with Rusticscapes.
 - b. Trimming markers: Suggestion was made to use large craft sticks to mark residents flower beds if the resident does not want their bushes trimmed. Will follow up with Rusticscapes as to the feasibility of this idea.
 - c. Fall flowers: Pansies and sanp dragons were suggested. Rusticscapes will be given the information and they will get back to us as to their suggestions and availability, price and timing.
 - d. Three committee members rode with Rusticscapes to check on appearance of community. All concerns on the last list were corrected by Rusticcapes. A new list was compiled during the survey of the neighborhood. Noted was the fact that the **eleagnuis** bush can grow sprouts as much as 3 inches a day and will always look as if it has not been trimmed. Some items that were given to Rusticscapes to complete in the next 2 weeks were: trim agapanthus around the front fountain, trim common area bushes on N and S Riviera, ant treatment in resident's yards and common areas, gates left open, palm leaves, crepe myrtles and hedges by golf course trimmed back, trim oleanders by stream, adjust water system in urns by pool, contact Nancy and do a check of the irrigation heads around the lake, and the crepe myrtles a the end of the lake by the big rocks.
 - e. Resident log book that is at the clubhouse front desk was reviewed by committee members and patterns discussed.
 - f. Committee will inform Nancy to publish the current mowing/trimming schedule on website.
2. Invoices :
 - a. Irrigation invoices were discussed. The HOA has spent approximately \$3,500 for the 1st half of the year on irrigation invoices.
 - b. Bay Area Tree will be contacted by Sybil Hewitt to come back and trim 4 more branches off a pine tree before the invoice will be paid.

3. The part of the 2016 – 2020 Strategic Plan that involved grounds was discussed.

Goal A: Exercise Fiscal Responsibility:

5: Remove grounds comm. There is not longer a grounds line item in reserves.

Goal B: Manage Common Areas:

18 : Grounds has already walked the area for the dumpster and have informed the facility comm. that any vegetation needs to be passed by the grounds comm., but will not come out of a grounds budget item.

#94: Grounds will be kept informed of the possibility of one day having to use city water around the lake.

#95a: Change to “Monitor and maintain common area landscaping around the top of the wet detention pond”

#95b: Suggestion is to make this a new item since the MUDD 18 owns and is responsibility for the area on the top around the detention pond.

The participant at the planning meeting requested that the bell tower area and the front vegetation before the gate be looked at and cleaned up.

4. Budget: The 2016 Budget was discussed. Becky Spedden will finalize. All but 3 line items will stay the same as last year.
5. Going out for bids for the common and residential property was discussed. There is a large concern that with the last bid, only Rusticscapes would handle the back yards. This needs to be considered in the new bids.
6. Update was provided on the Veteran’s Memorial Garden. The Vets have been contacted again and grounds was told that the trees were to be trimmed etc. Some trees were trimmed but there are tags, strings etc. still on the trees, making the area look neglected. Grounds will contact the Vets one more time before taking further action.