



OPEN MEETING

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, May 5, 2022 – 9:30 A.M.
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING
Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Lynn Jarrett, Annie McCary, Ralph Engdahl, Ira Lewis, Cush Bhada substituting for Donna Rane-Szostak

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT Donna Rane-Szostak

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

Director McCary made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Engdahl seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

4. Approval of the March 3, 2022 Report

Director McCary made a motion to approve the report. Director Engdahl seconded. Director Bhada reminded the committee that he was not at the last meeting so could not vote on this item

Director Lewis requested the spelling of his first name be corrected. He agreed that his middle name, Ira, could be used in the reports now and in the future.

The committee approved the motion to approve the meeting report, with the corrections.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett stated that this is the growing season which means the number of complaints about weeds go up. The Village slopes look beautiful although there are bare spots in some places. Landscape will fill in the bare spots. Mission Landscape was working hard on Bahia Blanca. She is proud of the Landscape team for keeping the slopes beautiful. Budget meetings are coming up.

6. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the rules the Orange County Fire Authority stated for the area of the Village which is adjacent to the canyon and also some Key Performance Index (KPI) slides.

Mr. Wiemann reminded everyone that the Landscape budget allows for weeding four times a year and, in this season, weeds are growing fast. Slopes are budgeted to be worked on twice a year. Landscaping is limited to the budget.

This year's budget for turf replacement and new plantings in Third Mutual has mostly been expended.

With water restrictions, next step would be a mandatory 30 percent reduction on potable water. This would restrict watering to just twice a week. Gate 14 and Gate 11 do have turf reduction rebates available to them.

All of the landscaping costs are going up due to the high inflation right now.

6a. Project Log

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

6b. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

Director Lewis brought some photos he took in the Village for the committee members. One was on turf removal, and discussion ensued on that topic. Other items will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Comments included:

- Questions about fire area requirements
- Tree trimming
- Weeds on slope
- Replacing trees which were removed

8. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann stated he will look into these comments and address each.

Consent:

None

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. Tree Removal Request: 3117-C Via Serena S. – One Rusty Leaf Fig Tree

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

10. Tree Removal Request: 3407-A Calle Azul – One Bottlebrush Tree

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

11. Landscape Revision Request: 5545-A Rayo Del Sol

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

Mr. Wiemann left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Director Bhada left the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

12. Presentation by Village Arborist and Support Landscape Manager - Bob Merget

Mr. Merget presented a PowerPoint regarding tree inspections and answered some questions.

Future Agenda Items

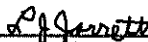
Concluding Business:

13. Committee Member Comments

Several comments were made.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

15. Adjournment at 11:25 a.m.


Lynn Jarrett (May 10, 2022 10:44 PDT)

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

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