

**OPEN MEETING**

**REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
THIRD LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 3, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room – 24351 El Toro Road

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Tung – Chair, Lynn Jarret, Cush Bhada, John Frankel, Jon Pearlstone, Jules Zalon (Non-Voting Advisor)

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

**OTHER DIRECTORS:** Elsie Addington in audience

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kurt Wiemann, Larry Hernandez, Robert Merget, Lulu Boctor, Eve Morton, Siobhan Foster, Bruce Hartley

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Tung called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Acknowledgement of the Press**

No media was present.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**4. Approval of Committee Report for December 6, 2018**

The meeting report of December 6, 2018, was approved by consensus.

**5. Chair's Remarks**

None

**6. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)**

Arthur Levy 5578-B - Spoke about tree removal request and notice that was not received.

Eileen Lazar 5220 - Spoke about the ten week landscape schedule and ivy growing on her wall and her neighbor's.

**7. Response to Member's Comments**

Mr. Hernandez responded to Ms. Lazar and went over the service level with her. He explained the 10 to 12 week weeding and pruning cycle and that we are currently on a 14-day mow and edge cycle. During spring and summer, we go to a 9-day mow and edge cycle. When the crew is on their mow cycle, there is no weeding of the planter beds. The crew will trim back a little more in fall due to the slower growth rate of the plant material.

**8. Department Head Update**

Mr. Wiemann introduced himself as the new head of the Landscape Division.

**Consent:**

**9. Water Efficient Plant Palette – Staff Recommends Approval**

**10. Tree Removal Request – 2233-S – Staff Recommends Denial**

**11. Appeal of Tree Trimming Request – 5076 Tero – Staff Recommends Denial**

The Consent Calendar was approved unanimously.

**Reports**

**12. Project Log**

Mr. Hernandez gave a brief summary of the project log.

Chair Tung had a question on slope renovation.

Mr. Wiemann explained the Landscape Division will re-evaluate all projects and develop an updated report for the committee in the coming months.

**Items for Discussion and Consideration**

**13. Request for Approval to Install Artificial Turf – Kreter (5152)**

The resident spoke about her request.

Mr. Merget spoke about the fact that the original alteration plans were re-designed to include artificial turf.

Mr. Hartley spoke about the requests made by resident.

Director Pearlstone asked Member what motivated her to decide to use artificial turf.

During the field tour at the property site, Director Bhada made a motion to approve the modifications, including artificial turf, to the previously approved landscape alteration with the conditions that the artificial turf is Staff approved and that the Member is responsible for keeping it up at their expense. Director Jarrett seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

**14. Organic Herbicide Program**

Mr. Hernandez spoke about the herbicide program.

Mr. Hartley spoke about the difference in cost between glyphosate versus non- glyphosate herbicides.

Director Bhada made a motion to direct Staff to continue researching effective materials that are non-glyphosate, stay within annual budget, and report monthly to the Committee on progress and cost. Committee will then make a decision in the next three to four months on how to proceed. The motion was seconded by Director Jarrett. The committee was in unanimous support.

**Items for Future Agendas**

**15. Proposed 2019 Reserve Funded Project Calendar**

**16. Turf Removal Project Update**

**Concluding Business**

**17. Committee Member Comments**

Jules Zalon thanked everyone for being at the meeting

**18. Date of Next Meeting February 7, 2019**

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.



James Tung, Chair

