



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair-Lynn Jarrett, John Frankel, Jon Pearlstone, Cush Bahda

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT: James Tung

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Bob Merget, Eve Morton, Lulu Bactor

1. Call to Order

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

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of January 3, 2019 Report

Director Pearlstone moved to approve the Report after removing Jules Zalon off of the report as a non-voting advisor. Director Frankel seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Director Pearlstone made a motion to accept the agenda. Director Bhada seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett thanked James Tung for staying on as an advisor. She said the committee has a lot on their plate. Turf reduction will save money on the Village water bill so assessments aren't increased. Weed control alternatives are being looked at, as well as alternatives to Roundup. Alternative herbicides cost much more than Roundup. The results of the testing will be used by other Mutuels.

She asked residents with a background in landscaping to put their name in as an advisor in case more advisors are needed.

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

Ann Rowland (5442) asked about when Arbor Pro will be available to the residents.

Eileen Lazar (5520) stated that Residents are concerned about a uniform look with turf reduction at Gate 11. Sometimes with turf reduction it starts to look choppy. She asked if there will be mulching at Gate 11. She thanked Staff for their hard work. Residents are saying that the creek cleanup looks great.

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann said he is hoping to have Arbor Pro up soon.

He stated there is currently a Request for Proposal out for designers for the turf reduction areas to develop a uniform pallet and design.

Mulching comes two weeks after the cleanup. First, Staff applies a pre-emergent and then comes back to mulch.

8. Department Head Update

a) Herbicide Testing Update (Verbal)

Mr. Wiemann stated that seven products have been selected to test. They will be tested side by side using Roundup as a control. Based on the literature available, it appears that the cost of alternative products range from 3 times up to 36 times the cost of Roundup. Results are expected in 45-60 days. Rain has delayed the start.

Director Pearlstone asked about cost. Mr. Wiemann reported the actual cost of testing will be minimal and will be shared across the three Mutuals.

Director Bhada asked about costs also and number of times it needs to be reapplied.

b) Turf Reduction Update (Verbal)

Mr. Wiemann stated that a design template for turf reduction areas is being developed.

Consent:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by the Committee by one motion. In the event that an item is removed from the Consent Calendar by members of the Committee, such item(s) shall be the subject of further discussion and action by the Committee.

None.

Reports:

9. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reported on the projects on the log. He is planning to evaluate all slopes in the community, which is a long term project that will be starting in the spring.

The intention is to outsource all of the slope work.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

10. Tree Removal Requests

For future meetings, Mr. Wiemann requested that the committee members go to look at any tree removal or tree trimming requests prior to committee meeting so all decisions may be made at the committee meeting using proper parliamentary procedures.

a) 3155-C Alta Vista (Yeager)

Mr. Yeager was present at the meeting. He said he and his wife spend a lot of times outdoors. His wife is allergic to the tree which prevents them from going outside and that is why they are requesting it be removed.

Director Bhada made a motion to follow Staff's recommendation and approve the request for removal. Director Frankel seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

b) 5560-B Via Portora (Lin)

Mr. Lin was present. He said the tree drops berries on sidewalk. He has witnessed someone falling on them. He recommends trimming the heavy limbs of the tree.

Director Frankel made a motion to visit the site before making a decision. Director Bhada seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Director Frankel amended motion to table this item for one to two months pending Staff's recommendation for the scheduling of the trimming which was not completed in 2018. Director Bhada seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

c) 5561-B Via Portora (Yun)

In December, Mr. Yun's toilet backed up and it has been a problem for two years. Several times, Mr. Yun has requested removal of the tree since it is growing into the waste line. Chair Jarrett made a motion to visit the site before making a decision. Director Pearlstone seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Mr. Pearlstone asked Staff if the tree did cause mainline damage and if the waste line remediation will help. Mr. Wiemann reported that the remediation will seal the pipes completely and will stop the problem.

Director Pearlstone made a motion for Staff to propose a solution which will minimize the risk of future damage and a date for the epoxy lining and bring back that information to the next meeting. Director Bhada seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

After visiting the site, Director Bhada made the motion to remove the Ficus tree at the Member's expense. This was determined due to the inability to do any root pruning because of the proximity to the sidewalks and the visible damage done by the root system. Director Pearlstone seconded. Director Frankel voted against the motion, resulting in a 3-1 vote in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Items for Future Agendas:

11. Proposed 2019 Reserve Funded Project Calendar

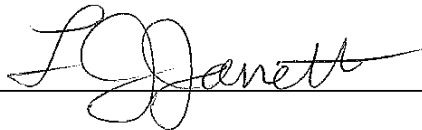
Concluding Business

12. Committee Member Comments

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting – March 7, 2019

14. Adjournment at 10:02 a.m.



Lynn Jarrett, Chair

Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer

Eve Morton – 268-2565