



OPEN MEETING

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 14, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair - Maggie Blackwell, Manuel Armendariz

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Liberatore

OTHERS PRESENT: Juanita Skillman

ADVISORS PRESENT: Catherine Brians

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton, Lulu Boctor

1. Call to Order

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

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media were present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

President Skillman made a motion to accept the agenda. Director Armendariz seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of December 13, 2018, Report

President Skillman moved to approve the Report with some updates requested by Director Amendariz. Chair Blackwell seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Blackwell reported that for future meetings, Staff will be sending the committee members the agenda packets one week before the committee meeting to allow time for the committee members to visit any tree locations on the agenda prior to the committee meeting.

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

Kathy Schill (2189-A): Requested replacement of damaged palm tree and bench in CDS 207.

Lorraine Donahue (578-Q): Requested tree trimming of two Ash trees in CDS 60.

Andre Torng (389-Q): Asked about yearly trimming of Creek vegetation, the safety of older workers on tree crews, plans for El Nino, and rain effects on Herbicide testing.

Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann's responses:

- He will look into Ms. Schill's question about the palm tree and get back to her. Also, replacement of the bench in an M&C issue.
- He informed Ms. Donahue that Staff is in her neighborhood and will look at the two Ash trees.
- He informed Mr. Torng:
 - Creek trimming restrictions and schedule are controlled by state agencies.
 - Safety is always a top priority for Staff.
 - Landscape and Security are continuing work on response plans for emergency events.
 - Rain is delaying the herbicide testing, but it will begin on Monday if all goes well.

7. Department Head Update

a) Herbicide Testing Update (Verbal)

Mr. Wiemann stated that seven products will be tested. Three days of no rain is needed to have an effective test. The plan is to start on Monday. Round Up will be used as a control. Staff will be using new spray equipment for the testing and a consultant will be overseeing the testing. We are also looking at pre-emergence products.

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:

8. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reported on the Project Log.

- Landscape Revitalization Project will continue as scheduled.
- Tree Maintenance Program is currently being reviewed and the committee will be updated in future meetings.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

9. 2018 Landscape Renovation Project Update

Mr. Wiemann reported that he and his staff are re-evaluating landscape procedures and methods. The herbicide testing may influence the future plans depending on the results.

10. Tree Removal Requests

a) 612-C Avenida Seville (Henderson)

Director Skillman made a motion to follow Staff's recommendation to approve the request for removal and plant a replacement tree at Mr. Henderson's expense. Director Armendariz seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

b) 598-D Avenida Majorca (Yan)

Chair Skillman made a motion to follow Staff's recommendation to deny the request to remove the tree and put it into the trim cycle. Chair Blackwell seconded. Director Armendariz voted no. The motion passed.

c) 599-E Avenida Majorca (Myhra)

Ms. Myhra was present.

President Skillman made a motion to follow Staff's recommendation to remove one of the Canary Island Pine trees. Chair Blackwell seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Items for Future Agendas:

11. 2019 Landscape Renovation Project

This topic was covered during the Project Log agenda item.

Concluding Business

12. Committee Member Comments

The committee requested that the Herbicide Testing Update be a regular agenda item.

Director Armendariz stated that this was the most efficient meeting the committee has done and some good topics were covered.

Director Armendariz requested a breakdown of 2019 tree trimming for a future committee meeting to compare budget vs. actual.

Director Armendariz noted the budget items for landscape and commented there may be sizable additional expenses for lawn maintenance and Round Up alternatives which will give United a hard time staying within budget.

President Skillman commended Staff for implementing the rain event procedures. She is seeing Staff working hard during evenings and weekends to comply. She compliments them and appreciates their work.

Chair Blackwell said she noticed Staff was doing prep for the rain and she commended them for that.

The Committee requested an update on species trimming for a future meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting – April 11, 2019

14. Adjournment at 9:57 a.m.



Maggie Blackwell, Chair
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer
Eve Morton – 268-2565