



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, January 2, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair - Lynn Jarrett, Annie McCary, Cush Bhada, Ralph Engdahl, Jon Pearlstone

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Reza Karimi, Advisor Cindy Baker

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 Bhada made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of December 5, 2019 Report

Director McCary moved to approve the Report. Director Bhada seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett welcomed everyone in attendance. She is happy with what this committee has accomplished for 2020, including approving the tree trimming contract and the slope maintenance contract.

6. Member Comments

Maxine Bassett (5276) Crews only came out two times all year. At end of December, they came out to trim the weeds and there was a metal rod laying in her yard that she had to remove herself. At corner of Pina and Del Sol, the weeds haven't been done and they are two feet tall. In October and November, staff repaired her roof but ruined some bushes in the process. They need to be replaced. She called Resident Services and a green truck came out to pick up two bushes she put into her trash can for pickup on Friday but they didn't take them.

Annette Sabol-Soule (3428-C) Behind her building, it looks like tinder for fire. Please look at that. She would like the Third Board to trim the weeds throughout the Village. Please increase weed trims to every other month, not just four times a year. We are doing our own weeding. Let's spend more money getting rid of the weeds. In front of 3427, it is always wet. Please have someone look at that.

Doug Gibson (5289) He put in a formal request to get weeding done. Gate 11, area is looking good now. But it took six months to get it done. Can we keep it looking good? 5208 and 5151 had 30-foot trees taken out. Stump is there. 5242 also had tree taken out three years ago and landscaping there doesn't look good.

Susan Smallwood (3456-B) The irrigation sprinklers show above ground. You can see them on the slopes and the flat ground. Is there a plan to hide those? The rebar to keep sprinklers up is sticking out of the ground. Also, are we going to go back to mulching flower beds?

Nancy Brown (3337-1G) The weeding is a considerable issue. She is on a slope so weeds come up the slope and into her flower beds. Is there a weeding schedule somewhere? Nestor told her they would be weeding this month. I commend the committee for making clubhouse areas look very nice. I would like the same care for our manors. Our dog and the neighbor's dog got sick with intestinal issues. Both are on ground floor.

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann responded to Member Comments:

- This month all of our crews are doing weeding and mulching only.
- We just signed two contracts so slopes and tree trimming will get done this year.
- The dead wood on slopes is what we did for OCFA. We need that to stay there now for slope stabilization. We will take those out in the spring.
- We are hoping to be completely staffed by end of February.
- We will be having a herbicide spray tech on each landscaping crew to keep up with the weeds.

- All maintenance schedules are on website and are updated every two weeks.
- Irrigation above ground is for shrubs. We will put mulch over the white piping showing above ground.
- We are getting a new tub grinder at the end of February.

Chair Jarrett reported that the Third Board has revised the Landscape Manual and it will be on the website on Monday.

Director Bhada wished everyone a Happy New Year. He reported that Mr. Wiemann has done a great job this year and he has been promoted to a Director.

8. Department Head Update

None.

Consent Calendar:

None.

Reports:

9. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the projects with the committee.

Chair Jarrett thanked Director Pearlstone for keeping the Board within budget.

10. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

11. Discuss and Approve Additional Landscape Modernization Areas

Eileen Lazar asked how dog tolerant these areas will be. Mr. Wiemann reported they will be dog friendly. Will staff keep the areas weeded? Mr. Wiemann reported that new projects are on a bi-weekly schedule initially to keep it looking nice.

Director Pearlstone stated that the committee has asked Mr. Wiemann many questions about these projects and asked him to get it done right. Director Pearlstone asked the Members to look at the Gate 14 pilot project. Staff and this committee are working out kinks and won't move forward until we know that pilot is a success. We will leave it up to Mr. Wiemann on timing of these additional projects. The ROI for these projects is excellent. There are some rebate possibilities.

Mr. Wiemann is recommending doing both of these new projects at the same time. We are in design phase right now.

Director Bhada feels areas will look better and we will have water savings.

John Banks (5090) He looked at Gate 14 area. He stated that the areas that aren't easy to maintain should also be looked at for these projects. Chair Jarrett let him know that big turf areas are used to save on watering that area.

Mr. Wiemann said staff will be looking at smaller, hard to maintain areas next.

Barbara Banks is concerned about project proposed for Gate 11. A new person just moved in by the proposed area. Will they be told about this? Mr. Wiemann stated that this is common area. Perhaps a grass buffer could be added, like at Gate 14.

Director Pearlstone made a motion to target these two proposed areas for the next phase of landscape modernization. Director McCary seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

12. Tree Removal Request: 3086-C Via Serena N. (Graham) – One Shamel Ash

Director Bhada made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and remove the tree. The committee was in unanimous support.

Items for Future Agendas:

None.

Concluding Business

13. Committee Member Comments

Director McCary wished a happy new year to everyone. She thanked the Members in attendance for coming out today to give their feedback.

Director Pearlstone wished a happy new year to everyone. Gate 11 Members, this modernization project is an opportunity. Provide us with a priority list for projects you would like us to consider at Gate 11.

Chair Jarrett stated that the committee will have a meeting with Gate 11 group. She will contact Eileen Lazar.

Chair Jarrett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and giving their input.

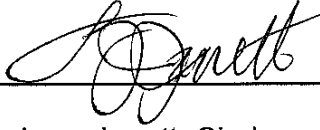
She stated that Mr. Wiemann has been a wonderful addition to the Landscaping Staff.

Mr. Wiemann said he is working with his supervisors and a lot should get done this year being fully staffed. We will be replanting dead plants and will have a dedicated crew for doing that. They will fill in any bare spots in the Village. We are training

new spray techs which will help with the weeds. Also growth regulators are used to slow down weed growth.

14. Date of Next Meeting – February 6, 2020

15. Adjournment at 10:28 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Jarrett", is written over a horizontal line.

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