



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, August 1, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Lynn Jarrett, Jon Pearlstone, Anne McCary, Reza Karimi, John Frankel in for Cush Bhada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Cush Bhada

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT: James Tung

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

Mr. Wiemann requested that Agenda Item # 13 be removed from the agenda as the Member is present and would like to rescind her request to remove a tree. Director McCary made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Director Pearlstone seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of July 8, 2019 Report

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

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett reported that a lot is going on in Landscaping. With all the rains this winter, there is much to do.

On July 12, the Landscape Modernization project was presented to Gate 14 residents. 60 people attended so it was a good showing and the Members had good questions.

In the next Breeze issue, I have written an article about landscape modernization projects which will save water and maintenance time.

There are a lot of bees this time of year and they like to get into the irrigation control valve boxes. If you see a hive, call Resident Services and they will remove them.

Some single-story buildings have high water usage and we will be sending out friendly letters to the Members in those buildings to ask them to watch their water usage.

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

Wu (3226-B) His front yard is now full of dirt because his project was stopped. He was directed to speak with Staff in the Alterations Division.

Smallwood (3033-N) Staff came out to take out the Asparagus Fern but trimming on bottom of hill didn't get take care of.

Asparagus Fern is being allowed to grow into all the plants in CDS 32.

At 3456-B, the sprinklers on the hill next to the Reserve are intermittently not working. There are many brown areas where flowers have died.

Lynne Corboz (3250-O) What is the rationale for requiring Members to pay for poor decisions of past decades of inappropriate plant selection and placement? When there is a situation like that, why is there not a disclosure to buyers that they will have to pay for trimming?

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann responded:

Asparagus fern is taking over. We need to use a non-selective herbicide to get rid of it but that will take out everything around it. We are just trying to control it. There is a time and money issue right now.

Regarding 3250-O, Peppermint trees are fast growers and were on a three year cycle. In the new schedule, there are on a two year trim. If people want it to be sooner, they need to request to pay for it and that request would need to be approved.

8. Department Head Update

None.

Consent Calendar:

None.

Reports:

9. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the items on the Project Log with the committee.

He reported that the Landscape Manual is being worked on and should be updated by the end of the year.

10. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the tree work status report with the committee.

11. Discuss Prohibition of Fruit Trees and Vegetables

Mr. Wiemann stated that the requests from Members to deal with rodents have been skyrocketing. Controlling the food sources is one way to combat this problem. The RV lot next to the garden plots is inundated with rats. There are 5,000 fruit trees in this community and many are not being maintained and rats and coyotes eat these. To get a handle, he suggests not allowing any new planting of fruit trees or vegetables in Common Area. Currently, Staff will remove non-maintained trees at no cost to residents.

The committee requested to update the name of the proposed resolution to include vegetables.

Director McCary made a motion to recommend approving the resolution and to include vegetables in the title. Director Karimi seconded. All were in favor. Director Pearlstone was out of the room during this vote.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

12. Tree Removal/Off Schedule Trimming Request: 2379-B - Four Indian Laurel Fig trees

Mr. King went over some handouts he gave out to the committee. He stated that people can't walk down that sidewalk because it is a mess. He wants it to be maintained to be safe. The berries are attracting bugs. He sweeps the sidewalk two to three times a day. He mentioned a chemical that Laguna Beach injected into the trees to stop berry growth.

He read a letter from his neighbor who said when it rains it is very slippery. She feels the berries on the sidewalk are a danger to her and the neighbors.

Mr. Wiemann stated that Staff will trim the trees back from the sidewalk until the full trim is done on schedule.

Mrs. King expressed her concern about people falling and losing their mobility.

Ellen Kim (2779) is a neighbor and expressed her concern.

Director Pearlstone made a motion to deny staff's recommendation and approve the request for off schedule trimming. Director Frankel seconded. All were in favor, except for Director Karimi, so the motion passed.

13. Tree Removal Request: 3166-A - Indian Laurel Fig tree

Per the Member's request, the committee voted to remove this item from the agenda.

14. Tree Removal Request: 3513-A - Southern Magnolia tree

Director McCary moved to accept Staff's recommendation and deny this request. Director Pearlstone seconded. All were in favor.

Items for Future Agendas:

None.

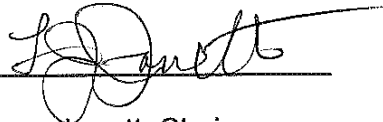
Concluding Business

15. Committee Member Comments

Director McCary said it is appreciated when Members bring additional information about their requests.

16. Date of Next Meeting – September 5, 2019

17. Adjournment at 10:28 a.m.



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