



**OPEN MEETING**

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

**Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.  
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING  
Laguna Woods Village Community Center, 24351 El Toro Road**

**REPORT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair- Ira Lewis, Brad Rinehart, S.K. Park, Reza Karimi, Moon Yun (substitute)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ralph Engdahl

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

**ADVISORS PRESENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kurt Wiemann, Megan Feliz

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Director Park made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Rinehart seconded. The meeting agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**3. Approval of the October 11, 2023 Report**

Director Karimi made a motion to approve the meeting report. Director Park seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

**4. Remarks of the Chair**

Chair Lewis had no remarks.

**5. Department Head Update**

Mr. Wiemann updated the committee on the recent resignations, leaving the department with 26 open gardener positions. Mr. Wiemann informed the committee of two new positions in recruitment within the management team.

#### **5a. Project Log**

Mr. Wiemann discussed the provided Project Log in detail. Directors made comments and asked questions.

#### **5b. Year-End Report**

Mr. Wiemann discussed the year-end project log in detail. Directors made comments and asked questions. Mr. Wiemann presented a comprehensive power point presentation on the year end report and analysis.

#### **5c. Tree Work Status Report**

No remarks made.

#### **6. Member Comments**

None

#### **7. Response to Member Comments**

None

#### **8. Items for Discussion and Consideration**

Director Lewis made a motion to consider items 8a through 8f as a consent calendar item. Director Park revised the motion to pull item 8b from consent. The motion was approved passed unanimously.

Residents made comments, on items 8b, 8d, and 8e staff's recommendation was accepted unanimously.

#### **8b. 3489-B Tree Removal Request**

The resident was present and spoke regarding his concerns with the tree. The resident mentioned he has seasonal allergies and this tree makes them worse. Mr. Wiemann let the resident know if he has a note from a doctor the tree removal can be taken into consideration. The committee tabled this item until next month to give the resident time to see a doctor.

#### **8g. Turf Reductions**

Mr. Wiemann discussed two projects. First, was the Nuvis project for front yard designs. The committee agreed the architecture is on the right direction for the designs. Mr. Wiemann will bring this back to the committee after the designs are ready for the first draft. The second project was turf reductions requested from residents via a

landscape request form. Discussion ensued amongst the committee. Director Yun made a motion for staff to start on this project. Director Park seconded the motion. The motion was called to a vote and passed 3-1 with Chair Lewis opposed. The committee instructed staff to bring a turf reduction list back next month for Gates 11 and 14.

#### **8h. Bahia Blanca Project**

Mr. Wiemann brought before the committee the first rough plans for the two parks located on Bahia Blanca. The committee discussed the designs. They expressed their desire for no turf at the locations due to AB 1572. The committee vocalized their envision to see one park as a quiet place, and the second park as an active family-oriented place to congregate. Mr. Wiemann and Chair Lewis asked the committee to forward comments to both of them within two weeks. Mr. Wiemann will continue to work with the designer and bring the next design to the committee when it is ready.

#### **8i. Resident Inspectors**

Chair Lewis tabled this topic for now after being informed of the new position being created for a staff quality control position.

#### **9. Items for Future Agendas**

Chair Lewis asked Mr. Wiemann to bring a cost analysis on plantings from the nursery used in Third.

#### **10. Committee Member Comments**

Several comments were made.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**12. Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**

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Ira Lewis, Chair  
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