



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, March 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, Eve Morton

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 February 7, 2019 Report

Director Cush moved to approve the Report. Director Pearlstone 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 reported there has been a lot going on and the committee has been reviewing the Landscaping budget. There needs to be a focus on water savings. ETWD had an informative meeting about saving water and reported that we are still in a moderate drought situation. At the next Third Board meeting, there will be a presentation on water.

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

3290-C (Gaye Thomson) Ms. Thomson reported that she lives on a bluff above Gate 9. In 2010, she told Staff that the slope behind her house was pointed to the house, not away from it. PCM put in drains but since they are two inches above the soil they do not help. One day she came home to find water in bedroom and hallway. Since then, she has had numerous conversations with various Staff. Staff said slope is not the way it should be. There were dehumidifiers in their house for over a month. She has received \$96 for electricity reimbursement. The problems started on December 29 and she feels all are based on landscaping behind the house. No damage to sunroom; only to bedroom and hallway. They are requesting a French drain and to re-landscape the slope. Chair Jarrett said Mr. Wiemann will get back to her.

5398-A (Bantivoglio) – She has been trying to get an answer on how to maintain her own bushes and to not have Staff do that. She had been going through the steps to do this but it hasn't happened yet. Mr. Wiemann reported he will look into it.

7. Response to Member Comments

None.

8. Department Head Update

- a) Herbicide Testing Update (Verbal) Mr. Wiemann showed a video of the herbicide testing area. He answered some questions from the committee about current additional costs to use the alternative herbicide. The committee requested that Mr. Wiemann report on the additional cost for next meeting.
- b) Turf Reduction Update (Verbal) There is a signed contract with a landscape architect for this landscape modernization project. Renderings will be brought to the committee for review. Mr. Wiemann responded to some questions from the committee.

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 in the log.

Items for Discussion and Consideration:

10. Appeal – Denial of Tree Removal Request (Levy) 5578-B Luz Del Sol

The committee told Mr. Levy that they will be looking at his request more closely and will make a decision at next month's meeting. Mr. Levy reported that they also have a request into Resident Services about their shrubs. Mr. Wiemann reported that he will have someone call them about that request.

Director Bhada made a motion to postpone this decision until next month. Director Pearlstone seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

11. Tree Removal/Off Schedule Trim Requests

a. 3242-2C San Amadeo (Cosgrove) – Off Schedule Tree Trimming Request of an Olive Tree

Director Pearlstone asked if there is a schedule of the tree trimming to share with the residents. Mr. Wiemann reported that there is but that the tree trimming process is being reviewed and is currently on a five-year schedule.

Director Pearlstone made a motion to accept Staff's recommendation to deny this request for Off Schedule tree trimming. Director Bhada seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

b. 3528-C Monte Hermoso (O'Dell) – Tree Removal Request of Carrotwood Tree

This resident was present.

Director Pearlstone moved to approve Staff's recommendation to remove the tree. Director Bhada seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

c. 3342-A Punta Alta (Decker) – Tree Removal Request of a Star Pine Tree

Director Bhada made a motion to accept Staff's recommendation to remove the tree. Director Pearlstone seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Items for Future Agendas:

12. Proposed 2019 Reserve Funded Project Calendar

Mr. Wiemann reported that slope maintenance is going out to bid but it is proving difficult to find vendors who do this work. Hydroseeding is also going out to bid and the rest of the fire reduction safeguards will be happening closer to the summer.

Concluding Business

13. Committee Member Comments

None.

14. Date of Next Meeting – April 4, 2019

15. Adjournment at 9:41 a.m.

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Lynn Jarrett, Chair

Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer

Eve Morton – 268-2565