



OPEN MEETING

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

**Thursday, September 7, 2023 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, Cush Bhada (Alternate), Ralph Engdahl, Andy Ginocchio (Alternate)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Rane-Szostak (Excused), Mark Laws (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: S.K. Park (Board Member, Third Laguna Hills Mutual), Vu Chu (Water Use Efficiency Analyst, El Toro Water District)

ADVISORS PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Jayanna Abolmoloki

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of the July 6, 2023 Report

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

4. Remarks of the Chair

Chair Lewis informed the Committee and the audience that Landscaping Services has been instructed to put a hold on all staff conducted turf reduction projects to focus their efforts on routine maintenance for the foreseeable future. Chair Lewis also asked the

audience to send an email to Resident Services if they have a service request that has been pending for six months or longer.

5. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann informed the Committee that Landscaping Services just received their shipment of new hand-held electric equipment. He also stated that landscape currently has 24 open positions, with 16 contract workers on site.

5a. Project Log

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

5b. Water Use Comparison

Mr. Wiemann provided an overview of the provided graph. Members made comments and asked questions.

5c. Tree Work Status Report

6. Member Comments

Three comments were made. Topics included the following:

- Unit-specific requests for maintenance

7. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann responded to the comments.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration

8a. Tree Removal Request: 3075-C

Director Bhada made a motion to accept staff recommendation to deny the removal of one Rusty Leaf Fig tree located at 3075-C. Director Engdahl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8b. Stepping Stones Policy

Director Ginocchio left the room at 10:22 a.m.

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the revised stepping stone resolution and guidelines. Chair Lewis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Ginocchio returned at 10:24 a.m. after the motion passed.

8c. Fruit Trees Policy

Discussion ensued among the Committee. The Committee directed staff to bring a revised version of Resolution 03-19-94 to the next meeting for approval.

8d. No Herbicide Spraying Agreement

Director Bhada made a motion to approve the resolution for herbicide spray guidelines and the acknowledgement form. Director Ginocchio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8e. Unbudgeted Operating Expense for Water Saving Landscaping

Chair Lewis requested that verbiage be added to Attachment 3 to include the phrase “and other related projects” to the fourth paragraph of the resolution.

Director Bhada made a motion to approve an unbudgeted operating expense in the amount of \$314,900 to be funded from the 2023 Water Expense Account for water saving landscaping projects within Third Mutual, with the addition of “and other related projects,” to the attached resolution. Director Engdahl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8f. Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Mr. Wiemann informed the Committee that staff met with Dudek yesterday to discuss comments received by the Third Landscape Committee. Mr. Wiemann stated that he expects the 90% Draft to be available within the next three weeks.

8g. Turf Reduction Location Review

Director Bhada made a motion to direct staff to proceed with the design of the projects at locations one and two. Director Ginocchio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Items for Future Agendas

- Landscape Manual

10. Committee Member Comments

No comments were made.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

12. Adjourned at 11:19 a.m. to closed session



Ura Lewis, Chair

Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer

Jayanna Abolmoloki, Landscape Administrative Assistant
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