



OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, January 6, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

Laguna Woods Village Community Center 24351 El Toro Road

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair - Annie McCary, Lynn Jarrett, Ralph Engdahl, Ira Lewis, Donna Rane-Szostak

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Eve Morton

1. Call to Order

Chair McCary called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Jarrett made a motion to remove Item #13 from the agenda, as requested by the Member. The committee was in unanimous support. The updated agenda was approved by consensus.

4. Approval of the December 2, 2021 Report

The report was approved by consensus.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

At this point, there was a problem with Zoom and the meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Jarrett stated that she drove around the Village to look at the manors on this agenda. She said we need to be careful with water use. We need to get rid of more

grass and put in more drought tolerant type plants. One of our residents on the agenda today is doing just that and that is great.

6. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann stated that they are making some staff changes in Landscaping management and we should see even more positive change.

Six sections hit their cycles completely. The contracted workers are in place to fill our crews and working well.

We are re-training our staff to not trim as hard. We are also now mulching more which should cut down on weed issues.

6a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log information with the committee and answered some questions.

6b. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

He reported that 38 trees in Third were lost during the recent storms. Director Rane-Szostak commended staff for removing downed trees so quickly after that storm.

7. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Resident thanked the landscaper who is doing the trimming near her residence (Section 1) now. He does a good job on the edges and it looks great. She is looking forward to what is on the horizon and getting rid of more turf. She has drought tolerant plants at her manor and it looks gorgeous.

8. Response to Member Comments

None.

Consent:

None

Unfinished Business

9. Tree Removal Request: 5473-C Paseo Del Lago E. – One Red Iron Bark

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request. Director Rane-Szostak seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

10. Tree Removal Request: 3047-P Via Serena C. – Rusty Leaf Fig

Director Rane-Szostak made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny this request. Director Lewis seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

11. Tree Removal Request: 3154-B Alta Vista – Brazilian Pepper

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request. Director Rane-Szostak seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

12. Tree Removal Request: 3160-D Alta Vista – Three King Palms

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny this request. Director McCary seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

13. Off-Schedule Tree Trimming: 4007-1C Calle Sonora Oeste – Rusty Leaf Fig

Director McCary made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny this request. Director Lewis seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

14. Landscape Revision Request: 5209 Avenida Despacio

Director McCary made a motion to accept staff recommendation and deny this request. Director Rane-Szostak seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

15. Landscape Revision Request: 5423 Calle Carmenita

Director Lewis made a motion to accept staff recommendation and approve this request. Director Rane-Szostak seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

Future Agenda Items

16. Tree Replacement Program

17. Members Converting Turf Campaign

Rebates for converting turf were discussed. Director Rane-Szostak stated that rebates aren't available for recycled water areas.

Concluding Business:

18. Committee Member Comments

Director Rane-Szostak thanked residents who are considering drought tolerant plants and wished everyone a happy new year.


Director McCary thanked staff for getting the technical issues worked out today.

Mr. Wiemann stated that El Toro Water District will give the Village rebates for the controllers in the recycled water areas.

Chair Jarrett thanked staff and the committee for their hard work.

19. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

20. Adjournment at 11:01 a.m.



Lynn Jarrett (Jan 10, 2022 16:13 PST)

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