



OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, March 4, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

**Laguna Woods Village Community Center Board Room
24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

ADVISORS PRESENT:

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

Director McCary made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of the February 4, 2021 Report

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

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett stated that many people are washing their cars and shouldn't be. There is a lot of money spent on water in Third Mutual so please call Security if you see someone washing their car.

We are close to getting the ok from the County to clear preserve area with a fire break.

We have over 1,400 berry trees and some will be injected so they won't drop their berries. Mr. Wiemann will report more on that.

At the Third Board meeting, we approved the Tree Maintenance Policy which combines all policies about trees into one policy.

6. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann reported that he is excited about a pilot tree injection program on trees which drop seeds often referred to as "berries." It is a plant growth regulator which prevents the tree from dropping their berries. We will photograph the process and show the committee next month.

At Gate 10 and 11, we are trying to get approval for clearing 100 feet from the wall as a fire fuel reduction measure. It is county property out there and is under a nature conservancy which manages wildland throughout the state. Hopefully, we will perform this clearing in late June. The timing depends on a contract between the county and the nature conservancy.

Consent:

None

Items for Discussion and Consideration

7. Tree Trimming Request: 3076-C Via Serena S. (Serifin) – One Rusty Leaf Fig

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

8. Landscape Revision Request: 5589-A Avenida Sosiega

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

9. Staff Request for Tree Removals: Building 5358 – Two Carrotwood trees

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

10. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Doug Gibson (5289) *"FYI --The Landscaping crews working this area, apparently on what is hoped the QTR schedule -- front, side, back. Crew seems to be the same that was here in the Fall which helps with requests and landscaping understanding. I am seeing better results and the general feedback "is nice to see them, hope they are back in June, and the weeds are taken care of this time!!"*

Juan, the supervisor, seems happy and pleased that efforts with his crews and the residents' requests are working. The results are not quite perfect but a big improvement. Several residents (me included) have seen Juan 'working' which is greatly appreciated. Good guy, happy that he is here."

11. Response to Member Comments

None.

Reports

12. Project Log

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

He stated this is the first year in the last five where staff will be fertilizing the turf. We have completed the aeration a year or so ago and this year we have been lowering the mower blades to get down the grass height. So, now we are spraying any weeds in the grass. Then, in the spring we will be fertilizing the turf. Residents should see a big improvement in the turf.

13. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Tree Work Status Report with the committee and answered some questions.

14. KPI Report; Shrub Bed Maintenance Cycles

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this informational report with the committee and answered some questions.

15. KPI Report; Resident Requests

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this informational report with the committee and answered some questions.

Future Agenda Items

Concluding Business:

16. Committee Member Comments

Director McCary felt Mr. Wiemann's slides added a lot of value to his reports today. Great meeting.

Director Rane-Szostak also appreciated the slides and hopes cycles continue to improve.

Director Karimi said great meeting. We all know that the first thing people see when they come to this community is the landscaping. We shouldn't nickel and dime when it comes to landscaping. Even with reduced staff, we are still maintaining the landscaping.


Director Engdahl apologized for arriving late to the meeting. He complimented Mr. Wiemann on the presentation.

Mr. Wiemann stated he couldn't do anything without his dedicated staff.

Chair Jarrett stated that this was an excellent meeting with a lot of information. She told Mr. Wiemann he is doing a wonderful job.

17. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

18. Adjournment at 10:40 a.m.


Lynn Jarrett (Mar 9, 2021 14:14 PST)

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