



OPEN MEETING

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

Thursday, May 6, 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 Rane-Szostak made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

4. Approval of the April 1, 2021 Report

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

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Jarrett stated that the landscaping this time of the year is beautiful. Aeration has made the grass look much better than last year. She and Director McCary drove around Gate 11 and it looks better than it ever has. I hope the people who live there are happy with that. We have a wonderful supervisor there.

6. Department Head Update

Mr. Wiemann reported that there are several new foremen who are hitting it out of the park. Younger people are being trained to eventually replace older employees when they retire.

Mr. Wiemann shared a short PowerPoint with the committee regarding progress made in landscaping tickets and trim cycles.

He reported that staff is way ahead on trim cycles.

So far, this is our lowest quarter for landscape ticket requests.

If things stay the same, our number of tickets should be almost 1,000 tickets lower this year than this time last year.

He showed a Key Tickets slide and how the tickets for different tasks have changed over the years.

6a. Project Log

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

He reported that there was a pump failure over the weekend in Third Mutual and El Toro Water District (ETWD) had to take the system off line. We weren't notified and some valves stuck when the pump was turned back on and caused some minor overwatering. ETWD has promised they will inform us if that happens again.

6b. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann reviewed this report with the committee.

Consent:

None

Items for Discussion and Consideration

7. Tree Removal Request: 2235-C Via Puerta (Plata) – One Weeping Fig tree

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

8. Landscape Revision Request: 3032-A Via Vista

Director McCary made a motion to accept staff's three recommendation regarding this request. Director Rane-Szostak seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

9. Tree Removal Request: 5146 Miembro (Ku) – Two White Mulberry trees

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

10. Tree Removal Request: 5566-B Via Portora (Rose) – One Fern Pine tree

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

11. Mission Landscape Slope Contract Change Order

The committee voted unanimously to move this agenda item to Closed session.

12. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Doug Gibson (5289) He had contact with two Third Mutual Members who do not live in Gate 11. The first one called to say how pleased he was with the quality of Landscaping. Second showed him her yard and commented on how pleased she was to be getting her front grass improved. Apparently, she made the request and the improvement started quickly

Gate 11 area is improving and looking the best it has in years. Apparently, the quarterly total clippings are moving ahead. I was told that they will be hitting my area sometime again in May/June. Weeds are a work in progress--so much better than last year. Supervisor Juan continues to get nice comments. It is tough to deal with a few residents. We see him out working and crews seem to be the same ones, working better and with smiles on their faces! It is nice to have the tree trimming crews back in the area. Of course, there are still improvements, but thankfully things are moving in the right direction.

The Village "curb appeal" also looks better to me. As the budget process starts, I hope the boards recognize the importance of Landscaping.

Thanks for your efforts.

Steve Stanfill (3425 – C) I would like to take a moment and give a "Shout Out" to Juan Uicab and his team. For the last scheduled Shrub and Weeding maintenance in my immediate area, Section 7.2, Juan and his team were 3 WEEKS ahead of schedule. This is a big improvement since September 2019.

On behalf of myself and multiple neighbors, we want to thank Juan and His Team for a job well done and we appreciate their extra effort.

13. Response to Member Comments

None.

Future Agenda Items

Concluding Business:

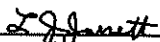
14. Committee Member Comments

Chair Jarrett drove around with Doug Gibson on a golf cart and he showed her a lot about the Gate 11 area that she wasn't aware of.

Director Engdahl likes hearing the compliments about landscape.

15. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

16. Adjournment at 10:20 a.m.


Lynn Jarrett (May 11, 2021 09:58 PDT)

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

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