



**REPORT OF THE REGULAR OPEN MEETING OF THE
UNITED LAGUNA WOODS MUTUAL
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Monday, April 22, 2024 – 1:30 P.M.
24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637
Board Room and Virtual with Zoom**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sue Quam – Chair, Vidya Kale, Allison Bok
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:	Anthony Liberatore
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ellen Leonard
ADVISORS PRESENT:	Mary Sinclair, Ann Beltran
STAFF PRESENT:	Kurt Wiemann, Megan Feliz

1. Call to Order

Chair Quam called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment of Media

No media were present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Quam requested that Chair Remarks, be moved to after Director's Comments. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as amended.

4. Approval of the Meeting Report for February 26, 2024

The committee unanimously approved the meeting report.

5. Department Head Update

5a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann let the committee know slope work has lost time due to weather, and working on catching up. He notified the committee turf reduction has started in the approved areas, and CDS 51 is complete Staff is just waiting on the rebate to be processed

5b. Water Use Comparison Chart

Mr. Wiemann explained to the committee that this report is skewed as they use a percentage to estimate the water usage for irrigation. He explained the irrigation system was not watering for January or February due to the amount of rain.

5c. Tree Work Status Report

Mr. Wiemann notified the committee in the future staff will add a line to this report notifying them where a new tree will be planted when one is removed.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Quam announced today was Earth Day. She notified everyone budgeting season has started, and if they have any input to reach out to her.

7. Member Comments (Items not on the agenda)

12-member comments were made. Various topics included:

- Fruit Trees
- Water Cost Rising
- CDS 27 planting
- PTP working with landscape cycle
- Creek clean-up
- Turf Reduction Plans
- Switching to drought tolerant plants
- Dying Tree
- AB 1572

8. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann and the Chair addressed some of the member comments.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. 321- H Tree Removal Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Kale made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to approve the request to remove a Podocarpus tree, and deny the removal of a Bottle tree. Director Bok seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10.494-D Tree Removal Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Bok made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to deny the removal of the tree. Chair Quam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11.460-C Tree Removal Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. An email was read from the member. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Bok made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to deny the removal of the tree. Director Kale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12.55- B Tree Removal Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Bok made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to deny the removal of the tree. Director Kale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13.60-Q Bench Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Kale made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to approve the bench request. Director Bok seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14.207-F Bench Request

Mr. Wiemann presented a brief overview on the recommendation. Discussion ensued on the removal.

Director Kale made a motion to accept staff's recommendation to approve the

bench request. Director Bok seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. AB 1572 Strategy

Mr. Wiemann went over the plan for AB 1572. The plan was explained to the committee, he has been working with the United lawyer on these plans. He explained the need for digital mapping, and how Staff will be moving forward.

Mr. Wiemann walked in a request for a landscape design for a community gathering area adjacent to 929-O. He asked committee for approval to begin work on a design for the area with costing. Chair Quam approved and asked for it to come back with more information.

16. Tree Replacement Strategy

Mr. Wiemann presented a power point presentation. He explained going forward they will be removing and planting trees one for one ratio. He asked for direction from the committee on years past when they stopped planting due to the drafting UFMP being in progress. The committee voted unanimously to just work on planting trees going forward and not go back to years past.

17. Landscape Committee Charter

Chair Quam directed the committee to review the charter and bring back any changes to the next committee meeting.


Concluding Business

18. Committee Member Comments

Various comments were made.

19. Date of Next Meeting – May 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

20. Recess at 3:26 p.m. for closed session


Sue Quam (May 7, 2024 08:34 PDT)

Sue Quam, Chair

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