

Landscaping Committee Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2011

6:30 PM

404 Gene Autry Lane (Jennifer Wideman's home)

Call to Order: 6:42pm

Attendees: Greg Howard, Karen Walker, Diane Dupre, Stephanie Marcum, John and Jennifer Wideman

YOM Nominees:

1. 358 Seminole – 3 votes & winner
2. 1306 Rodeo – 1 vote

Old Business:

- Stephanie updates on finding stainless steel clips or binder rings (48ea +) for patriotic banners. Stephanie planning to check Elliots Hardware. Greg checked with Bobby at Fitchwood and we are not a tax exempt organization.
- Update from meeting with Kim Lenoir at the City of Murphy (Thursday Aug 4th):
 1. Since Corral Court is HOA property the City is not willing to install a sidewalk; however they are willing to include handicap ramps to link sidewalk along the westside of Lonesome Dove with the sidewalk along the eastside of Lonesome Dove.
 2. The City is aware of the 40+ feet of sidewalk missing at NorthHill Park along Rodeo drive. Per Kim Lenoir there is a drainage issue and ADA issue in which the city engineer is having to get involved. Currently no set completion date that we are aware of.
 3. Drainage issue at Lonestar and Betsy Rd (northeast corner) – The City will install a French drain at no cost to the HOA in the flower beds which will be buried under the sidewalk and then drain out via a pipe in the curb. In the rainy months of the year excessive runoff has created a slip and fall hazard along the sidewalk due to mud and algae building up. A start time on this project hasn't been determined yet, because the city engineer must come out and inspect the area first.

****Lowes has grant money for 501 3(c) organizations – could be a possibility with creek bed area, also City has the "Friends of the Park" program as well.**

- Meeting with Site Management (Tuesday Aug 2nd):
 - a. Maintenance Issues –
 1. Flagstones pathways at 3 cul de sacs along McMillian should be cleaned up now
 2. Edging along flowerbeds of McWhirter and McMillian Scott was going to check on this
 3. Dallas Grass – MSMA was applied to McMillian & Betsy, so you may see dead spots in the grass. McWhirter will be treated soon.
 4. Roses in the neighborhood – due to the extreme heat Scott will access these in mid. Oct and replace those in bad shape and put gravel around roots for drainage – at no cost.
 5. Board member concerned about watering at night – the watering schedule is adjusted multiple times per year as temps change. Start time for watering is roughly between 9p and 10p and end time is between 4a and 5a. Neighborhood is currently being watered 4 times/week. **Scott said this area is a much larger strip of land than any other in the neighborhood and two controllers run off of one meter. He will plan to cut back on watering this area and concentrate the water on the flower beds. This change in watering pattern will be monitored by Scott to see how the turf responds. If grass begins to die then he will resume the old watering schedule.**
 6. No concern about watering at night right now due to the heat of the summer. However blackspot and powdery mildew can occur in the cooler months when watering at night.
 7. Gator bags have been placed around the Chinese Pistachio and Bur Oak tree in Corral Court to allow for extra watering, and bubblers do currently exist on these trees. **Scott is putting double gator bags on both trees and filling them up 3 – 4 times per week.**

b. Projects –

1. Split Rail fence along McWhirter – Scott checked the age of the split rail fence and only saw a few posts at the Ashdon cul de sac that were weak and might need minor work. However, he thought overall the fence was in really good shape and would last awhile. To protect the base of the 39 fence posts; the bid includes installing flower beds the length of the fence at all 3 cul de sacs (see bid for price & details), or boulders and dwarf Hamblin grass around the posts costing approx. \$800 for 39 posts.
 2. Flower Beds along the Fab wall of phase 1 and 2 along Betsy Rd (see bid for price and details)
 3. Corral Court landscape upgrade (see bid for price and details)
- Capstone replacement at Lonestar/Betsy & Utah/McWhirter:
 1. Per Stephanie - \$1,700 to replace both broken cap stones, plus an additional bid of \$1,500 to clean and seal all the current cap stones. Stephanie – update on benefits of sealing capstones.
 2. Per Josh Barnes – \$1,450 per cap stone (total \$2,900) from Nov. 2011
 3. Still waiting on bid from 3rd vendor
 - Karen’s Corner:
 1. Any updates from Josh regarding this concern - Sprinkler issue at 1001 Hideaway court

New Business:

- Date to hang up patriotic banners for Labor Day Monday Sept. 5th – hang banners Sunday 7pm Aug. 28th – meet at Stephanie’s house.

Adjournment:

- YOM Nominations Due on September 9th
- Next Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday September 13th