

Landscape Committee Minutes and Report to the Board
April 12, 2014

Attending Members: Mike Driscoll, Robert Crouch, Terry Dager, Ginny Lebacqz
Others attending: Chuck Allen, board member liaison to our committee

1. Budget 2014 Update:

Budget Allotted: January through August Work:	\$ 2,200
Sept. through December Work:	2,200
TOTAL 2014	\$4,400

At our next meeting, we will provide the total expenditures to date

2. Water usage: There are 4 meters at Sand Dollar. One is controlled by the County at the treatment plant and is paid by the County. Chuck volunteered to get the usage # for us so Mike and the committee can keep an eye on the usage for that meter. The other 3 meters have a usage to date that falls within the tier 1 usage amount thanks to Mike for keeping an eye on the water usage and for installing more drip systems.
3. Mapping of irrigation and valves: The committee discussed getting a landscape architect to draw this out. Mike will ask Berkeley landscape design student Stephanie Lind if she is interested in doing this work for us as a paid project. We would ask her to map out Area A as a beta site so we can analyze the quality of her work. Chuck has offered to contact Aptos Landscape Architect Tom Scherer to get his thoughts on the process for this project, his potential willingness to review Stephanie's work, and his estimated cost.
4. Landscape Areas assigned to committee members:
 - Terry has area A
 - Robert has area B
 - Chuck has area C
 - Ginny has area G
 - Karen has areas D, E, and F

Trouble spots will be reported directly to Mike.

5. Discussion and Update of Area A: The trimmed oaks near lots 5 and 6 are fine for now. Mike will ask the new owners of lot 7 if they want the escalonia and pine trimmed. The former owner did not. Mike has removed older Euriops and asked for suggestions of replacement plants.
6. Area B Update: The lower area has been rototilled and mulched. New plants will be put in following an "arboretum like" design. Also, Mike changed 6 rainbirds in the area and put in drips. It is believed that the board and Facilities Committee has plans for new pathways in Area B. Mike will contact John Linkletter to determine if that is correct and ask that Mike be responsible for preparation of that work to assure limited damage to the gardens.
7. Area C update: Mike will cap 6 rainbirds and also will clean up behind lots 40 and 53. The rainbirds on the upper part of the area are already changed to drip. Mike will plant long-lasting plants, possibly Proteus, in the area.

8. Areas D, E, and F Update: All are doing well. F does not require any water. A thank you to Bob Arnold who has kindly let us use water to care for the new plants in areas D and E. We need to reimburse him for this expense. Mike has the usage #s and Robert Crouch will help Mike figure the amount we owe to Bob. Chuck, as Board Treasurer, will then start the reimbursement process.
9. Area G Update: All watering is on drips already. Mike did extensive tree work already. Canyon del Sol does the maintenance work on the upper part of area G (above the sign).
10. Canyon trees, debris: There is still a lot of debris in the canyon behind lots 78, 79, 80, etc. Mike will talk to John Linkletter, Facilities, about this clean up.
11. New members: We are looking for a new member. Also, we have contacted botanist Judy Johnson, a long-term tenant, to invite her to act as an unofficial member/expert. We are sending her these minutes and inviting her to the next committee meeting in the hopes that she will want to join us.
12. Median Strip: Although this project is not a Landscaping assignment, Chuck did update us on the project. He has talked with the farmer adjacent to the strip who has offered to help in the clean up and the tree trimming.
13. The next meeting will be: Saturday June 14, 10:30 AM at Ginny Lebacqz's house. 490 Sand Dollar Drive.

Submitted to the board by Ginny Lebacqz