

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT TO BOARD

June 14, 2017

Landscape request forms have been coming in, mostly with concerns about turf conditions, irrigation problems and weeds.

The committee is concerned with NLS commitment to fulfill terms of their contract with SVOA. Numerous items have not been completed in a timely manner. The committee is working with WCM through Kurt to see that NLS understands its contract obligations. Monthly meetings with Will Ward seem not to have been sufficient. We observe that corrections currently are underway.

The Native Demonstration Plot received its mulch application recently. The site has a very attractive uniform look. Having completed the first phase, we gradually shall add mid- and low-growing plants among existing foundation trees and shrubs. A plot guide is being prepared for visitors to the garden.

Native replacement plants in the embankment landscape along Country Club Drive are thriving.

The committee is concerned by poor conditions and maintenance difficulties in park strips. We are inventorying all tree wells to identify highest priorities for treatments. We plan soon to offer some suggestions for solutions. One owner, a member of the landscape committee, is taking initiative with her own situation. Dealing with this campus-wide set of problems surely will require collaboration with ARC.

We are examining possible dead and dying shrubs along 45th, 49th and Country Club Streets.

Landscape Committee binders are being furnished with a brief history of our SVOA specifically as it pertains to the Landscape Committee. It provides a foundation of understandings for landscape committee members to carry out tasks, to meet objectives and to fulfill obligations .

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