

Landscape Committee April 7, 2015

Meeting started at 2 pm. Members present were Chair Richard Miller, Doreene Carpenter, Gary Joliff, Diane Marthaler and Barbara Bowns. Kurt Powell of WCM was also present.

The Landscape Charter was modified yet again and will be presented to the Board for approval.

Committee members reported on their observations of their zone walk-throughs. Most notable was the poor condition of the lawns in Phase 2 and 3 development areas. The committee is recommending to the Board that a lawn specialist be hired to evaluate whether the lawns should be thatched and reseeded this spring rather than waiting for fall and to seek recommendations on watering frequency in zones controlled by irrigation timers.

It was suggested that the Landscape Committee meet with the ARC to clarify coordination between the two committees regarding landscape issues.

We discussed clarifications needed in the landscape specifications regarding plants or shrubs that overhang sidewalks and cannot be properly dealt with only by pruning.

The lack of water to common area shrubs and planting areas along the walking path between Hollyhock and Country Club Tract C, and the common areas along Country Club and 49th street to Hollyhock was also discussed. A recommendation that drip irrigation be installed immediately as a short term solution until a long term solution can be approved by the Board will also be made to the Board at their next meeting.

It was also suggested that we ask the Pond Committee to monitor contract performance on the Pond Landscape contract.

Pruning issues in several Common Areas, particularly the Mugo pines and Laurel along Country Club, the swale area in tract K and F, shrubs behind the clubhouse and shrubs along the pathways behind the pool and clubhouse areas were discussed. These areas will be closely monitored by the Committee and by WCM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.