

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

2:00 p.m. June 9, 2015

Attending: Dick Miller, Chair; Gary Jolliff, Logan Norris, Lyn Martin, Doreene Carpenter and
Guest: Northwest Landscape Services (NLS) Designer/Estimator Jasmine Sudario-Cook

Jasmine distributed copies of a packet which describes the design services available through NLS. She opened by stating that the committee needs to answer some fundamental questions: Why should an area be renovated? What goals are being met? She took us through the examples contained in the packet. There are levels of service, from initial Consultation, through Concept Renderings of varying scope, to Basic or Comprehensive Plans. Each level has corresponding costs. Concluding her presentation, Jasmine asked the committee for questions.

The committee already has specified that it is concerned with Common Areas, but priorities need to be set within that category. It is necessary to know the overall vision for a 2- 5- and 10-year plan.

Dick- First concern is to remove and replace dead and dying trees.

Logan- The Board has placed trees into a separate category of concern; focus on Common Area.

Lyn- Trees are a part of Common Areas. The strip East of Stoneybrook Street as well as plantings in the berm West along Country Club Drive then curbside, South along the West side of 49th Street, are unsightly, lacking irrigation, and of highest priority. They have the most public visibility and therefore the most perceived value for property owners.

Gary- Question: What exactly is the Board's reasoning concerning trees?

Logan- Understands that trees were kept out of the NLS contract because they had been neglected by the previous provider.

Jasmine- Has toured our campus and agrees that dead and dying trees in common areas should be our priority. Her service includes to assess and figure out why problems exist then compile recommendations for a beginning Package.

Doreene- It appears that the committee is in agreement about the first priority for a long-range landscape design plan. Begin with Stoneybrook Street. (Jasmine also has noted the high-visibility Tract J for which she will supply a rendering *gratis*.) Qualities and characteristics to take into account for proposed plantings include color/texture/shape/size/relative scale/soil/irrigation/maintenance/sustainability and seasonal interest.

Committee- This is a logical and manageable beginning. It will provide a model and demonstrate progress toward a desired outcome. Five and ten-year plan elements should follow from the example set. The two, five and ten-year elements should cycle and flow over time. The Board must deal with budget. (May require increased Owner contributions.)

Gary- Will NLS provide ongoing education for this committee, our Board, and Owners?

Jasmine- Plants need to be suited to their settings. Consider how they will look over time. With locally sourced native species irrigation will be necessary but will be required less or not at all as plants become established.

Doreene- At what point do costs kick in? When will recommendations come to the committee? The committee may consult with another firm as well as NLS.

Jasmine- Will provide initial renderings with pricing for the long strip of Tract A East (and for Tract J.) Will make recommendations with prices for Tract A Country Club and Tract A 49th Street. These will be completed and submitted to Dick by June 23.

Lyn- Parting comment: "No mugo pine!"

The meeting adjourned.

Dick, Jasmine, Gary, Logan and Doreene walked down Stoneybrook Street then along Country Club Drive and through Tract C before disbanding.