

Summary of the Year's Activities

Made major irrigation repairs.

Inventoried plants (and trees.) Accomplished necessary, sometimes severe, pruning. Developed schedules and guidelines for future pruning. Thinned and removed failed and unsightly plants and trees.

Adopted **Sustainable Landscape Practices** with a set of **Principles** to guide future campus-wide decisions. Owners are supportive! Established a demonstration plot with a budget to begin conversion to native landscape plants. Owners are excited!

Created a Form to report expenses pertaining to the demonstration plot Pilot Project.

Installed a bulletin board in the club house meeting room to showcase landscape activities.

Submitted articles to Association News explaining landscape treatments as well as alerting Owners to upcoming maintenance activities.

Checked soils for pH to determine if lime application to lawns is advisable. So far, NOT. Healthy lawns are a continuing priority, and challenge, for the Committee and for the service provider!

Convened meetings with other Committees to eliminate duplications of responsibilities. Established effective communications and collaboration among all.

Refined language in the landscape service Contract and Specifications. Requirements will be more enforceable and will be clearer to Owners who opt to do their own care of planting beds and shrubs. Recommended to the Board to continue our relationship with Northwest Landscape Services. Met with Will Ward to go over details and expectations.

Participated in monthly walks and held meetings with representatives of NLS. At the most recent one we recommended to have NLS perform "soft edging" and weed pulling while soils are too wet for mowing.

Described Landscape Committee history at the Annual Meeting. Appealed to Owners to use the comment system so we may track Owner concerns and facilitate satisfying resolutions to issues. Invited Owners to join the committee. We think two have committed. Throughout the year the committee has adjusted to changes in its membership. There is a good mix of dedicated people with strong backgrounds and capabilities.

Additional Information to Report

Lyn Martin has resigned. We shall miss her thoughtful, helpful, positive contributions! Temporarily Richard Miller is calling meetings, but is not serving as Chair.

There will be one more careful reading of the Contract with Kurt Powell before it is signed. It will be in effect January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Larry Plum will meet with Kurt to sort out expenditures he is tracking for the Pilot Project (Demonstration Plot) budget of \$3000.

In response to a request from the Welcoming Committee an informational message has been created to include in packets for new Owners and Residents.

Summary Comments

The Landscape Committee is very grateful to our supportive Board and to all the other Committees with whom we collaborate. Our work is varied and full of challenges. We strive to be good stewards of our complex campus. We strive to be dependable advisors to the Board.