

Landscape Committee Minutes

April 8, 2014

Meeting commenced at 1:02

Present: MEMBERS: Roz Warner, Ishrut Batjer, Ron Kurtis, Donna Mars, Heather Galbraith, John Stevens
GUESTS: Guy Bolter, John Haynes

Minutes of March meeting reviewed and approved.

Discussion held on circle at end of Cul de sac of Sand Crane where trucks run over the sod. Discussed replacing part of sod with river rock. Final determination would be purchase of several reflector posts to see if any difference to reduce number of runovers.

Ron Kurtis, Lighting Chairman, advised he has talked to several contractors and is waiting for bids. We would put higher lighting on main palm, 3 low flower lights on each side of the entrance, and move 13 existing lights. We would remove the 4 from magnolias, 4 (one from each end) of the oaks) 2 from main oaks, and 3 from the Royals where they will not be missed. The three groups of 5 palms will have 3 more lights added. Each grouping will then have 5 lights mounted on each palm. The newest planted Royal each side of the entrance will have lighting on the front and back. This will then balance the lights.

John Stevens and Donna Marrs explained their disappointment at the recent annual plantings by Austin. Even though the committee had completed very clear directions for the March plantings, not followed by Austin. I.e. entrance planted 12' to center instead of 8" to center. Ian had been asked by Roz Warner to follow these instructions and if, as Ian felt, there would not be sufficient flowers, we would order more. However, instructions were not followed and extra flowers were left over. Also it was strange that the most visible flower bed had the widest planting. This area had new soil replaced and no bark replaced so the coils were very visible. We are reviewing this area to determine if plants flourish to determine if additional soil replacement needed in other beds.

The Flower Committee is currently working on June selection. As soon as completed, it will be submitted to Austin to avoid the fiasco of the March planting.

We are requesting Austin to leave the Dusty Millers in the June planting. Bret Perez does not feel this will work and the Millers will not survive the hot weather but the Landscape Committee wants to try.

We are waiting for the bill from Austin. John Stephens did an inventory and has exact count of flowers.

John secured samples of reflector adhesive tape which could be used on our curbs. (The samples and info was given to Rita at Property Management.)

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Roz Warner CDD Supervisor