GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 5, 2010

Present: Becky Spedden (chair)

Larry Alvarez Dorothy Darden

Donna Ferreri (recorder)

Sybil Hewitt Diane Nicolas

Elizabeth Woods (Board contact)

Marjorie Parham (guest)

- 1. Larry Alvarez reported that the lake has been mowed. Work has begun on the small island behind the clubhouse. Dorothy Darden will follow up and make sure that island work is completed.
- 2. Diane Nicolas gave the report on the work on the irrigation system. The work in the very front is 100% complete, the work around the clubhouse is 80% complete, and around the sales office about 25% complete at this time. Diane will continue to follow up on this project until completion. The plan is to have a drawing that will include the location of the sprinkler heads and division of zones when completed. Currently the plan is about 25% complete. A new sprinkler schedule is being tested. In the future Diane Nicolas plans on posting the systems' working schedule at each control box. Diane estimates it will take another \$500 for repairs/replacement of parts to complete the irrigation system
- 3. Sybil Hewitt reported that all common areas are mowed and edged. She will follow up on the weeds that are growing in the iris bed behind the clubhouse.
- 4. A homeowner has brought it to Becky Spedden's attention that the five foot strip behind his home on North Riveria by the pump station has not been mowed recently. Dorothy Darden and Donna Ferreri had checked this area less than a month ago and it had been mowed/weedeated recently. Becky will call the homeowner to report this and Dorothy Darden will follow up with Brandon. The amount of rain we have had during July has everything green and growing faster than usual.
- 5. Elizabeth Woods brought us up to date on the nature trail turnover. The Board is still resolving financial and legal issues at this time.
- 6. Larry Alvarez reported that a homeowner did not feel a problem he reported to AMI was responded to in an appropriate and timely manner. Elizabeth Woods will bring this to the Board's attention.
- 7. Dorothy Darden reported that Houston Lawn fertilized the front yards over this past weekend, no notices were put out this time. The work on the island should be completed this week and the Vinca will be planted on Saturday.
- 8. The Houston Lawn contract in the future will address procedures and how to evaluate said procedures. We need to confirm that all stated work is being done and done acceptably. There are several concerns including the trimming of common area hedges.

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- 9. Donna Ferreri noted that several of the dead Pygmy Date Palms in the neighborhood have been removed by Houston Lawn. Articles do state Houston Lawn will remove dead vegetation in front of homes and trim bushes. The homeowners will still be directed to call AMI with request for Houston Lawn.
- 10. A new resident (second owner of the home) has received notice from AMI that a stump in her front yard must be removed. The resident has brought it to AMI's attention that there are stumps on common areas. We need to get a count and map of the location of any stumps on common grounds. Sybil Hewitt and Diane Nicolas volunteered to do this project. Sybil will also contact Friendswood Firewood and one other company to get an estimate for stump removal.
- 11. Becky Spedden will request the \$5,000.00 needed to do landscaping to Southwest side of clubhouse at the next Board meeting on August 25th.
- 12. The meeting was concluded with a reminder that any contract, budget, and smart goals for the future need to be submitted as soon as possible. Any smart goals are to be e-mailed to Larry Alvarez. Contract and budget goals for 2011 are to be e-mailed to Becky Spedden. Houston Lawn's contract for 2011 is an ongoing project.
- 13. The next grounds committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 24th at 7p.m. Sybil Hewitt will contact committee members to remind them.