## GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 14, 2011

Present: Becky Spedden, chair Dorothy Darden

Donna Ferreri – recorder

Sybil Hewitt Diane Nicolas

Elizabeth Woods – board contact

- 1. Grounds is concerned about the wet lake bulkhead pulling away from the dirt foundation and feel there is a need for regular assessment. We recommend this task be assigned to a committee for the purpose of monitoring and evaluation.
- 2 Grounds recommends that the Board send a letter to Village Builders asking them to provide the additional irrigation needed at 1514 Primavera in order to irrigate the common area. Houston Lawn has submitted an estimate for this work ranging from \$450 to \$570. The home was built under the Builder's covenants and should be responsible for the error.
- 3. Grounds recommends that the Board instruct AMI not send letters to homeowners during this period of severe drought regarding the dead grass issue unless, the lack of water affects a majority of the front lawn. Letters should still go out if the majority of the front lawn appears to be in severe stress.
- 4. Becky Spedden will put a friendly reminder in the weekly newsletter that the homeowner should make every effort to limit damage to their landscaping during this extremely dry period and that the homeowner is responsible for their front yards.
- 5. The grounds committee recognized that there may be a need for vegetation replacement following this drought which is not included in our current budget.
- 6. Brandon Inman, Houston Lawn is planning to start the July front yard treatments early for chinch bug.
- 7. The sprinklers around the clubhouse have been reset to be in accordance with the City of Pearland recommendations.
- 8. It was agreed that no additional planting will be done until the drought is over.
- 9. Lennar has informed Becky Spedden that they will not be planting additional bushes along the fence line of new homes on Riviera Circle because they have no legal responsibility in this area.
- 10. According to Tom Dillard, supervisor for the company contracted to mow the dry pond, the Mudd district will be mowing this area 7-9x/year.

- 11. Diane Nicolas at her next meeting with Brandon Inman, Houston Lawn, will remind him that his company should not be mowing/weed eating the dry pond, the M.U.D.D. have planted new grass seed in this area.
- 12. Grounds is discussing with Houston Lawn, the feasibility and cost of adding additional sprinklers around the clubhouse where the grass is in poor condition.
- 13. Diane Nicolas has discussed with Houston Lawn, the possibility of varying the mowing pattern to avoid the mower's tendency to rut lawns. Recognizing that the problem is worsened with the current dry conditions, Houston Lawn has agreed to try to varying the mowing direction when it feasible and does not affect economics for his company.
- 14. Homeowners will be reminded of the need to pull T post supporting trees in the newsletter.
- 15. Becky Spedden, chairperson, will follow up with AMI on Max Track report.
- 16. Diane Nicolas or Sybil Hewitt will attend the Strategic Planning meeting this coming Saturday while Ms. Spedden is out of town.
- 17. Donna Ferreri agreed to report to the Board for committee during Becky Spedden's absence. Diane Nicolas will make report if Ms. Ferreri is unavailable. Report information will be provided by Ms. Spedden.
- 18. Diane Nichols will ask Houston lawn to provide an estimate to add one or two more sprinkler heads as necessary to maintain grass at the back of the Clubhouse near the horseshoe pit area where the grass is dead. This area dies every summer
- 18. The next Grounds Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.