## GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 22, 2011

Present: Becky Spedden – Chairperson

Larry Alvarez Sybil Hewitt
Dorothy Darden Diane Nicolas
Donna Ferreri – Recorder

- 1. At the request of the Belles, the area around the clubhouse that will be used for the Easter Egg hunt will be treated for ants. Diane Nicolas will follow up with Houston Lawn to make sure the problem is addressed.
- 2. Becky Spedden, Diane Nicolas and Dorothy Darden have contacted f Houston Lawn with concerns during month.
  - 1. The new flowers around the clubhouse will be planted within the next couple of weeks.
  - 2. Fertilizing of homes will be done in April with notification provided.
  - 3. Irrigation to the potted Juniper plants (in urns at front of clubhouse was completed
  - 4. Houston Lawn will be replacing any dead shrubs in the front of the clubhouse.
  - 5. Houston Lawn has said the Crepe Myrtle trees will be trimmed.
  - 6. The sprinkler valves around lake have been raised, the count and location is in question and committee members should observe when walking lake area.
  - 7. The rain sensors must be cleaned to insure proper functioning
- 3. Becky Spedden attended M.U.D. meeting this month to determine if district had any responsibility for irrigation around lake. She was informed that the M.U.D. owns only the top ½ of a wet lake and they are not legally responsible for the maintenance of the grass around the lake.
- 4. Diane Nicolas will be the Grounds Committee contact with Houston Lawn.
- 5. Grounds comm. is continuing to research the Water Logic System
- 6. Facilities has been asked to provide the Grounds comm. with a schedule for when they will be running the sprinklers around the lake. Diane Nicolas will follow up with the Facilities committee
- 7, Diane Nicolas contacted the representative from Water Logic System for a name of similar facility currently using the Water Logic System. She was given the name Claremount Park Leasing in League City. They confirmed their water bills and usage was reduced by approximately 34% using this system. The initial cost for us to install this system would be \$9500+, with a \$208 monthly maintenance fee. The company makes systems check 4X/year. Pay back is usually within an 18 to

24 month range. Rene' West is going to be using another system that irrigates around the lake. Becky Spedden will investigate this other irrigation monitoring system for comparison. Larry Alvarez is going to put together a Water Logic proposal within the next two weeks that will be emailed to Board members prior to April HOA Board meeting. The board will be asked to submit any

questions or concerns by e-mail so that they may be addressed at the April Board meeting. Water Logic System will be asked if a rep. can be present at this Board meeting when the proposal is presented.

- 8. Everyone is be alert and confirm if Houston Lawn is following the April schedule for fertilizing front yards.
- 9. Max track has been reviewed by Becky Spedden.
- 10. Diane Nicolas will contact Houston Lawn to remind them of need for mowing 5' strips at S. Venice and Scarsdale location and to remind him of need to keep all 5' strips mowed.
- 11. Regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. In the interim there will be a meeting called in about 2 weeks to review Water Logic proposal. Along with any changes on the homeowner's schedule mowing.