

Grounds Committee Meeting

May 18, 2010

Present:

Becky Spedden (chair)

Larry Alvarez

Dorothy Darden

Donna Ferreri (recording secretary)

Sybil Hewitt

Diane Nicolas

Elizabeth Woods (board contact)

1. Diane Nicolas presented her extensive report and plan identifying dead and missing plants at B.V.'s front entrance and around the fountain area. There are a total of 156 missing or dead plants. She also identified maintenance work needing to be done, 15 beds needing mulching and 19 beds needing trimming and cleanup.
2. Becky will make a recommendation at the next board meeting for a release of a maximum of \$4,000.00 in funds to start plant replacement and improvements of the condition of the beds. In the meantime Diane Nicolas and Dorothy Darden will get specific plant cost and information.
3. Diane Nicolas will chair a sub-committee to study and make recommendations for landscaping design. The committee will consist of Diane Nicolas, Dorothy Darden, Sybil Hewitt and Donna Ferreri.
4. A decision was made to add only one additional Cypress tree in the space at the front entrance.
5. Dorothy Darden will contact Brandon Inman of Houston Lawn and request a meeting with him and the sub-committee for Thursday of this week. This will be an opportunity to voice our concerns about the condition of the front area, explain our plans for future improvements, and to get Mr. Inman's feedback.
6. The committee has declined the request by a homeowner to relocate the Oak tree in his front yard. It was decided that as a general policy the Grounds Committee will not relocate homeowner trees
7. It was decided that Becky Spedden will request that we begin the planting of bushes along common area fence lines. At this point in time we will only do common area fence lines along Riviera Circle which would require approximately \$1600 in funds that Becky will request the release of at the next board meeting. The work is to be done by Houston Lawn Co.; using 3 gallon bushes at a price of \$8/linear foot (Brandon Inman of Houston Lawn has also quoted Dorothy Darden \$7 for 1 gallon bushes). This will entail the four areas designated under section A of the "bush plan". Other common areas in need of bushes will be discussed in the future.
8. There is what appears to be a dead Oak Tree on the lake at N. Riviera. Dorothy Darden will continue to monitor the tree and gives us a report at the next meeting.

9. We still do not have the list addresses that Houston Lawn was to provide for front gutters cleaned earlier this year. In the future no more work orders for this service will be paid without Houston Lawn providing the address of the service. At the time of the next contract we will discuss if this service will continue to be provided by the HOA.
10. Homeowner is concerned retention area behind fence on Scarsdale is not being mowed. This property is maintained by the Mud District and not by Bella Vita contractor. Becky Spedden will follow up with Bobbi Lopez at AMI.
11. John Kaltenbach of the veterans club has asked that the grounds committee consider and suggest possible plants that would be appropriate in the memorial area they have created. Committee members are to consider and make suggestions at our next meeting.

The next Grounds Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, June 1st.