

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 16, 2011

Present: Becky Spedden – chairperson  
Dorothy Darden  
Donna Ferreri – recorder  
Sybil Hewitt  
Diane Nicolas  
Elizabeth Woods – board contact

1. The dry retention area on N. Riviera (at Messina) will be maintained by the M.U.D. District.
2. Diane Nicolas presented the two bids for addressing the four dead trees behind houses in the nature reserve. Committee recommends the use of Bay Area Tree Experts and trees will be cut according to bid. It is approximately \$270/tree. The committee proposes that cost of the cutting these trees should be taken from the Landscape parks & trails line item.  
Addresses are:  
2429 Ameno  
1210 N. Riviera Cir (2 trees)  
1216 N. Riviera Cir
3. The improvements to the N. Riviera/Modena common area (small island common area) by the homeowners, who requested permission to do so, are approved with the stipulation that they maintain the area in the future. Donna Ferreri will contact Sunny Ward (one of the homeowners) with the committee's approval. They have purchased a bench they wish to place on the area. Bench and vegetation improvements were approved.
4. Diane Nicolas reviewed her meeting with Brandon Inman of Houston Lawn last Friday.  
Recommendations:
  - a. Facilities committee place a "Caution Snakes" sign on the small island directly behind the clubhouse.
  - b. Shrubs are being trimmed this week. Procedures need to be confirmed with Houston Lawn and monitored.
  - c. The Juniper tree in the pot at the secondary entrance of the clubhouse that has died will be replaced. The pots now have new drainage holes. Pots are near a drainage area and should not create a problem.
  - d. What type of flowers and time of planting for the front flower beds.
5. Sybil Hewitt and Donna Ferreri will survey complex for dead shrubbery, noting count, size and any possible solution for watering replacement shrubbery. Common area will be

verified from the plat map of Bella Vita. This report is to be given to Diane Nicolas to request an estimate for replacement from Houston Lawn.

6. Diane Nicolas will check with Brandon Inman, Houston Lawn for a recommendation for planting some type of vegetation that does not need much watering for the large urn in front of clubhouse.
7. Diane Nicolas will get an estimate from Brandon Inman, Houston Lawn, for the trimming of the trees around the clubhouse.
8. 2012 budget was discussed. Houston Lawn has indicated that the cost of the contract will go up 3% for 2012. Committee will discuss next month any modifications that may be needed in order to stay within budget guidelines.
9. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.