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INSPIRATION LANDSCAPE & COMMON AREA COMMITTEE

JULY 20, 2021 | 5:30 P.M.

<https://zoom.us/j/91695790242>

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm.
- Agenda was approved, along with minutes from the June 15th meeting.

Common Area Update

- Weed spray has been completed, plants will need to die. A second round will be completed in the fall. Additional crew members were pulled in to complete the spraying and hand-pulling in landscape beds and highest priority areas.
- Native grass beauty band mowing has been completed, a little trimming work still remains. Sidewalk edging is now happening on the turf areas.
- 2020 Adopt-a-Tree warranty issues will be looked at next week to determine which trees BrightView will need to be replaced. 2021 Adopt-a-Tree plantings will happen at the same time at an appropriate time to plant.
- Detention ponds are being partially drained so they can get in for the contracted cleaning.
- Light pole staining is halfway done. A couple were stained before power washing but those have been redone.
- Fence staining is in process, it's been pushed back somewhat, it will start in approx 2 weeks.
- Irrigation repairs occur 3 days per week, the list is long and is being done in priority order.
- Irrigation audit is in progress, it has been slow going without WiFi signal but it's getting done.
- BrightView does not go into native areas to pick up trash, unless we budgeted separately for more trash pickup.
- Dog stations, there were a couple new stations that were being missed but they should be on regular service now. We're getting a proposal for extra summer pickups.
- Tree ring maintenance is performed by BrightView.
- Douglas County has accepted our application for the Piney Creek Trail Connection which starts the 30 day review process. Construction could start in the fall or next spring.

- Pool update: There have been cleanliness complaints over the weekend due to construction dirt getting into the pool. The water level was temporarily lowered for tiles to be scrubbed, the water is being filtered and vacuumed, the deck is getting a deep clean, and more vacuuming and powerwashing will need to be done following construction.
- Kate Innes shared a preview of the Common Area Committee page and Common Area articles on the new, soon-to-be published website.

2022 Budget Discussion

- Sarah Warner and Sara Rutman (BrightView) are putting together data points for tract by tract cost estimates for maintenance. They will also include tract by tract data for fillings 14, 15, 16, 17. New tracts would be conveyed by October 31st 2021 if the District decides to accept them. The tracts are being evaluated and are color coded green, yellow and red at this time. Aaron Curtiss described the tract turnover criteria. Sarah Warner thanked residents who have volunteered to help with tract turnover walks.
- Current fence budget covers 3,700 linear feet of fencing, in order to hit the 3-5 year restaining schedule we'd need to double this to 7,500 linear feet per year to hit a 6 year turnaround as we add new tracts. Ralph Charlip suggested spraying of fences might be more economical than rolling it on, due to material costs
- Concrete work will include sidewalks on the trails (the City of Aurora owns the majority of sidewalks). Initial estimates are being created for eliminating / xeriscaping very small areas of landscaping that need to be mowed and irrigated.
- We got partially caught up this year with tree replacement but we need to provide a recommendation for next year. Greg Wolgamott commented that the District has been doing quite a bit of catch up work this year with landscaping and other projects.
- The cost from BrightView to cobble a sample small tree lawn in the Vistas section and cap the irrigation came out to \$4,000, we will seek competing bids.
- Other opportunities are being sought to make an upfront investment to reduce long-term maintenance costs.
- Nick French asked how items are prioritized, Aaron Curtiss described the process of bringing community feedback requests to the committee and/or board meetings. Ralph Charlip described the categorization of expenses that the Finance Committee uses as a framework.

Wooden Pole Discussion

- A proposal for the next Board meeting addresses whether the District would replace damaged wooden light poles and wooden stop sign posts with new wooden replacements at our own cost, or let the City of Aurora / Xcel Energy replace them with metal versions that we would not have to pay for maintenance on. Charlie Goretsky commented that there is a lot of maintenance on the wooden posts/poles. Mark Berkstresser commented that it's a large expense that only benefits a small part of the overall community. The cost is approximately \$5,000-6,000 per year for power washing, restraining, and maintenance. Eileen Brown asked about the capital costs of the poles to form a more complete picture of the total expense, the expected life span is 20 years. Mindy Ruffin asked what the process would be to argue to keep the wooden light poles, which would be to participate in a Board meeting. A resident asked whether the metal light posts are more expensive than the wooden poles, they are roughly the same cost.

Community Comment & Discussion

- A question was asked about the roundabout with dead plant material that lacks irrigation, Sarah Warner updated that the developer is awaiting approval from the City of Aurora before irrigation can be restored in order to re-landscape this area.
- Nick French commented that there is frustration apparent on Facebook among residents about certain issues which is legitimate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

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