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INSPIRATION LANDSCAPE & COMMON AREA COMMITTEE

JUNE 15, 2021 | 5:30 P.M.

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

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.
- Ralph Charlip is the newest committee member approved by the Board.
- Agenda was approved, along with minutes from the May 18th meeting.

Common Area Update

- All of the 238 replacement trees have been planted. BrightView has added 'tree diapers' to help keep water at the roots, these will look like black plastic rings at the base.
- Annual flowers have been planted.
- Weed control is ongoing. Sarah is pursuing an informational proposal from BrightView to hand pull more weeds in more of the landscaped beds.
- Light pole power washing is underway as prep for painting.
- Fence staining - we're determining which 3,000 linear feet will take priority. This includes the outside and the top of the fence. Homeowners can pay to have the inside painted at their own cost (approx \$350), it must be pre-arranged.
- Irrigation issues are being identified and repaired frequently. Some of our smart controllers need to be programmed and monitored.
- Drainage issues are being identified in District and developer areas, as an ongoing item.
- Pond outlets are being cleaned of sludge and algae.
- A resident has reported ongoing irrigation issues along Rockinghorse Pkwy, some is due to old rotors that aren't holding their adjustments and cannot be replaced all at once.
- Rick Forsman explained how the smart controllers work and the information learned while meeting with the irrigation audit company.
- A plan for the small, isolated strips of common area is being developed, with the possibility of using volunteer resident labor to put in cost-effective material.
- Discussion was held about xeriscaping, and navigating the requirements of the City of Aurora and the District to utilize artificial turf and rock material.

2022 Budget Planning

- Budget planning starts soon.
- If we accept all the tracts listed in the turnover framework this fall, it would add \$200-250K to our annual landscaping budget.
- Idea to buy wholesale shrubs and replace dead shrubs with labor from volunteers. Aaron to pick a handful of test locations.
- It may make sense to bring an irrigation technician role in-house vs. vendor-provided and have them work on other projects during cold months.

Volunteer Day and Chili Cook-Off/Brew Tasting Discussion

- Check hops for ripeness in August, and harvest by mid-September.
- Combine with the Oct 2nd event planned by the Social Committee.

Amenity Reservation Discussion

- Parking and other considerations were discussed as the committee works to update the amenity reservation policy.
 - The Hangout has 270' of street frontage (11 vehicles), Watering Hole Park has 410' (17 vehicles), and Picnic Park has 1100' (46 vehicles).

Piney Creek Trail Update

- We've got another submission to make, and Xcel is granting us permission.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

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