

INSPIRATION LANDSCAPE & COMMON AREA COMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2021 | 5:30 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.
- Charles Goretsky is the newest committee member approved by the Board.
- Ralph Charlip introduced himself as a potential new member.
- The agenda was approved, along with the minutes from the April 20th meeting.

Common Area Update

- Replacement tree planting
 - 238 replacement trees were ordered, 60 trees have been planted so far.
 - Each batch is roughly 30 trees to get them planted quickly after delivery.
 - The replacement tree amount will not cover all the existing dead trees.
 - Most visible and highest priority trees will be replaced first.
 - The new trees have a lifetime warranty from BrightView.
- Weed control
 - BrightView sprays native grass areas twice per year but does not hand pull.
 - Discussion about weeds included thistle as a specific concern.
- Annual flowers will be put in this week.
- Fence staining and light pole painting is waiting for dry weather.

Pool update & vandalism incident

- The pool will open May 29th.
- Management will reposition the gates to enclose the pavilion for pool season.
- Cleanup is needed after an incident overnight 5/14- 5/15.
- Fire department and police are investigating after four aerosol cans were ignited at the fire pit prior to 1am. Two dozen large rocks were thrown into the pool.
- Other issues over the weekend included minor damage at Picnic Park on 5/16 and the loss of two tree lawn trees by a vehicle at midnight on 5/14.

Public Art Update & Straw Poll

- Two artists' work were finalists for the art installation on Inspiration Lane.
- 4 deer in Inspiration's color palette, or wolf / fish / hawk
- The deer option received the most votes from the committee.

Trails Day & Community Work Day Discussion

- Prep work for 8 dog waste stations and 10 bluebird nesting boxes is underway.
- The area near the retention ponds was suggested for the cleanup activity.
- BrightView will grill hot dogs for community volunteers.

Amenity Reservation Discussion

- The Committee will recommend updates to the existing amenity reservation policy to add Hangout, Picnic and Watering Hole parks.
- The future shaded structure at Pathfinder Park could be included.
- Occupancy numbers for each new park would be helpful inputs.
- Parking on residential streets is also a consideration.

Native Seeding Discussion

- The District used a crimped straw seeding option last year, against BrightView's recommendation of drill seeding and hydromulch.
- We likely cannot get the vendor to redo or warranty the work.
- We had drought conditions last July which didn't help our strategy succeed but the Del Norte area is looking good, which has saved money for the District.

Community Comment & Discussion

- Small common area strips throughout the District:
 - There are some very small strips of common areas that are isolated and waste resources (water and landscaping service).
 - Holly S. has mapped the small areas and recommends working toward xeriscaping them.
 - Rick F. mentioned \$15,000 in rebates/grants available from Aurora for replacing bluegrass.

Piney Creek Trail Connection update

- There will be one more pre-submittal meeting next week to verify whether we're ready to submit plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

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