

**INSPIRATION LANDSCAPE & COMMON AREA COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

MAY 17, 2022 | 5:30 P.M.

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- The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- The agenda was approved with the addition of discussion of gas for the pizza oven and Hops Garden firepit and the addition of volunteer project list and a discussion of Trails Day
- The minutes from the April 19, 2022 meeting were approved
- Attendees: Aaron Curtiss, Mark Berkstresser, Ralph Charlip, Kevin Buehner, Holly Svetz, Sarah Warner, Kate Innes, Tom Norton, Brenda & Michael Patrick, Russ Paper, Teresa LeGare, Justin Janca, Robert Moore.

Sarah Warner, Superintendent of Facility and Landscaping, provided a common area update:

- Jaymes Mack resigned and the position has already been offered to a very good candidate
- Bug sprays for the trees are complete
- Annual plantings at the monuments have begun
- Weeds are being sprayed in beds five days a week throughout the season
- Native area weed spot spray will be moved up to June instead of July, depending on wind conditions
- Another spray will occur in a few weeks
- Irrigation was activated
- Backflows at the pool were repaired and certified
- All the freeze damage has been repaired
- The bucket pole has been painted and new grates installed
- A pool manager has been hired and she has hired two monitors
- The developer approved installation of the memorial bench right outside the event lawn
- Adopt-A-Tree applications are being completed
- Turnover walks will begin just with Public Alliance staff, with reports provided
- Tom Norton asked about lifeguards at the pool, which are staffed on weekend

Community Comment & Discussion:

- Question about a trail connector at the end of Tansy Drive and a request was made to install a sidewalk
- Question about the dog park and the timeline, which should begin over the summer
- Michael Busch asked that the pizza oven be turned back on and the committee recommended turning the pizza oven back on, but leaving the firepits off

Hops Garden Review:

- Table at Watering Hole looks good
- Social committee is purchasing new cornhole boards and new bags

- The committee recommended the Board replace the tables out of this year's budget
- Justin Janca was tasked with putting together a set of proposals
- Lights are in stock to replace the broken bulbs on the bistro strings
- Ralph Charlip suggested a systematic long-range approach to replacing items that are not covered by the reserve study

Project Status:

- Tree replacements are underway and the District will be able to replace about eight additional trees because some of those on the list are under warranty – for a total of 104
- Kevin Beuhner reiterated the need for a tracking system to monitor warranty trees
- The Vistas Pocket Park is struggling because there has been no rain to filter out the salt content
- Until the salt is leached out, additional seeding would be wasted
- Fence staining is in progress, beginning in Filing 8 near Del Norte Circle and will then progress to finish the Vistas
- The playground structure is being modified in collaboration with the vendor include more climbing elements at no cost because we got no taxes and free shipping
- Trail connection update is that the City is about to issue permits
- Pet waste station poles will be installed May 21
- The committee discussed more frequent trash removal from the boxes
- Equipment purchases are ongoing, including a rotary broom for the tractor
- Parking lot resurfacing is ready to start, but the District has to wait until the developer clears the lots of heavy equipment
- Pond remediation is almost complete; the muskrat dens have been removed
- The District not required to make physical changes to the lower pond structure

Project List Review:

- Inspiration Lane: Ralph Charlip and Tom Norton inspected the entire length and provided a list of repairs to get bids for phased long-term repairs
- Gartrell Road: Need volunteer to replace Suzanne
- Gartrell Turnout the desire to remove the parking lot, but to move the chain
- Volunteer projects need to get kickstarted
- Hops Garden Fire Pits would cost \$5,045 to install stone tops with etching and \$450 to cap the lines and recommended to the Board that the expenditure be approved

Water Conservation and Irrigation Project:

- Justin Janca gave an update about the system getting up to speed and how the sensors learn the system

Community Building Update:

- Tom Norton gave an update on the preliminary planning

Trail and NAC Names

- Mark will submit a map with names