

La Quinta HOA Board of Directors Meeting

May 1, 2013

Board members present: Dan Hann, Sam Pepper, Jim Hall, Ken Frazier and Brenda Cutsforth. Also Jacque Hann accountant and landscape contact.

President Dan Hann called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

1. Board discussed wall construction proposal from Lot #52. It was felt that a cement block wall rather than a stucco coated cement block wall could be approved in keeping with the existing exterior side and back walls in La Quinta. Request forwarded to Architectural Committee for appropriate action.
2. Board discussed minutes from Landscape Committee. Minutes discussed were of the 1-29-13, 2-28-13, and 4-2-13 meetings. Dan provided copies of these minutes to all board members for review prior to this meeting.
 - The Landscape Committee is developing a visual and narrative of approved trees and shrubs for use in La Quinta, and will be available on the HOA web site. It will allow owners the ability to see the shrub or tree they want planted.
 - REMINDER: We must follow the Architectural and Landscaping Standards. Residents must get approval from the Landscape Committee before they plant any plants in their front yards or common areas.
 - Barb DeWitt will be replacing Louis Didier on the Landscape Committee.
3. Reviewed list of approved trees and shrubs. Cost of trees and shrubs: Tree in 15-gallon container would cost approx. \$50.00. Shrubs in 5-gallon container would cost approx. \$20.00. Cactus and succulents in 5-gallon container would cost from \$15 - \$30.00.

Kurt Nolte has completed an inventory of existing trees, and identified nearly all. There are 333 trees consisting of approximately 27 varieties. The Committee discussed a process to be used in developing a plan for managing the planting of new trees, as well as the removal of current ones. The Committee believes we should have five or six trees suitable for the area that meet the objectives of low maintenance, low water, and appearance. We also have existing trees that are creating problems, and need to be removed. Trees that are unhealthy, unsafe (i.e., could potentially fall on a home), root system affecting sidewalks, driveways, foundations, will be identified and removed as soon as practical to avoid a negative financial impact on the Association. Trees to be removed will be prioritized based upon risk.
4. Aeration and dethatching of grass is in progress. Fertilization is also in progress.
5. Trimming of shrubs has been temporarily delayed while a standardized cutting plan is developed. Kurt will be holding a training session for the landscapers on how the HOA wants the shrubs and trees trimmed. It will be Friday, May 3, 2013.
6. Identify and prioritize what trees come down. Talk with owners and let them know why the trees are needing to be removed. Unhealthy, unsafe i.e. could fall on a home, root system affecting side walks, driveways, foundations etc.
7. Dan is working on costs for removal and will get back with board so a budget and time line can be implemented.

Landscapers are getting a bid to remove approximately 25 tree stumps

8. Re: Flower Pots for common area. Landscape committee has been instructed to move forward and order pots.
9. Dan is working on contract for landscaping. Wanting to be specific on how the HOA wants the mowing, trimming, and edging to be done. All felt the workshop with Kurt is going to be very beneficial.

Irrigation Plan: Landscapers have been asked to develop plan for the power (needed on Irma St.) Re-evaluate where we need to add timers and how to upgrade plan and cost for doing so. Update to follow and to be done by Oct. 1, 2013.

Pruning will be done April through October each year.

SUMMARY:

- Communication: Dan asked that any board members that are going to be gone for more than a few days to notify other board members in case of emergencies.
- Kudos to Bill Grippo on a job well done in painting the light posts throughout La Quinta.
- Need to incorporate a board action from Oct. 2010 into the Architectural and Landscaping Standards.
- The Board wishes to thank the Landscape Committee for their hard work in the last several months.

Adjourned 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Cutsforth