

Landscaping Committee

October 2015 Update

A summary of the proposals for the 2016 grounds maintenance contract was prepared and provided to the Board of Directors for their review.

The second round of replacement sod is scheduled for completion mid-October. This round includes additional areas throughout the community and in the dog park and areas that did not take root from the first round.

Steve Doughty contacted Taylor Morrison regarding the water drainage problem reported behind the homes on Cordana that back up to the wall on Clermont. Tony Burdett from Taylor Morrison quickly responded and viewed the area along with Steve last week. Tony will have their engineering crew develop a plan and fix the problem.

Lighthouse filed a claim on behalf of Verona Reserve with Florida Power & Light to repair the turf damage caused by their trucks when they recently made repairs to the power lines. FP&L has notified us that repairs should be made within a week.

Committee members met this month to talk about how best to identify and prioritize community projects, the process for making recommendations for future budgets and the creation of a master landscaping plan of the community.

Committee members discussed the flower planting project at front entrance and talked about the estimates that had been obtained. Committee members agreed unanimously that it may be more prudent and in the community's financial best interest, if this project could be put on hold until a grounds maintenance contractor is selected.

At the Board's request, the Committee has asked Valley Crest for a quote to transplant live oaks from the area off from Clermont Rd. to the lot on Fontenelle Circle where the irrigation pump station is located. Currently there is limited access to reach that area until the ditch along Clermont dries up.

Discussion was also held regarding the pros and cons of various types of mulch. We do not anticipate a need this year, but the Committee will do some research and cost comparisons for consideration in 2016.

Valley Crest has provided a quote for trimming palm trees over 15'. This is a contract separate from their grounds maintenance activities. The Committee will determine whether the current budget allows for this or whether it should be included in the 2016 budget.

The Committee is asking for Board approval of the Valley Crest proposal to remove oak tree limbs. This will provide a 14' clearance over Terracina Dr. and an 8' clearance over the sidewalk along the Xeric conservation area.

We sadly accepted Jodi Mercer's resignation from the committee. We want to thank Jodi for her time and efforts on behalf of the Verona Reserve community.

Open Items: Monthly community walk-through with Valley Crest.

Replacement of dead palm trees.

Main entrance flower planting.

Completion of sod replacement project.

Water drainage problem behind the homes on Cordana.

Board Action

Required: Board review and discussion on the 2016 grounds maintenance proposals.

Board approval of the proposal to remove oak tree limbs for clearance over Terracina Dr. in the amount of \$400.

Board approval of a proposal in the amount of \$112 to replace bushes at a home on Altesino.

Respectfully submitted,

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