

1600 Hamilton Place Landscaping Committee
Minutes - Wednesday July 21, 2010, 7:00 pm
Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2010

In attendance: Tim Fitzgerald, Maryalice Heim and Sheba Solomon

Open Forum: Helen Conway asked that homeowners keep trees within their restricted areas trimmed to the appropriate height.

I. Review of Maintenance Issues

- **Weeds** – crew will specify one day per week to target weeds throughout complex
- **Pruning** (hard pruning; hedges; lighter pruning) – Asparagus ferns that have been hard pruned will come back. Mature hedges (escalonias, abelias) will be hard pruned in late Fall; Lighter pruning is ongoing.
- **Mildew** – Medallion is treating crepe myrtle and nandinas for mildew.
- **Yellowing Camellias** – also yellowing westringia at 1905 HX. Medallion will fertilize camellias and adjust irrigation as necessary.
- **Trimming dead branches** – ongoing. Current requests have been done, but committee would like Medallion crew to do this as a weekly task.
- **Snails are a big problem for the liriopae.** Crew will treat for snails in all areas where liriopae are planted.

II. Review of Irrigation Issues

- V. **Controllers/rain sensors update** – All controllers are programmed. Lawns and mature shrubbery are on auto now; but new plantings are being controlled manually to assure enough irrigation at the onset.
- VI. **Dry areas caused by Irrigation Problems** – Our complex has many irrigation trouble spots at the moment causing plants to be distressed. Medallion will be completing wire traces, and replacing and/or adjusting sprinkler heads to resolve these issues.

V. Current Work

- **Standard for future work:** Committee asked Medallion to adhere, as closely as possible, to a standard for future work that will insure planting area coverage at maturity); mulch not to exceed pavement height (i.e., take out dirt before planting, if necessary); complete irrigation check for planting area when plants are installed. Homeowners should expect that it will take several years for plants to mature.
- **July approvals** by Board and committee – these bids will be planted by the second week in August.
- **Mulching:** The complex will be fully mulched by July 30.
- **Pear tree pruning** has been completed for 13 trees, as approved – there is a need to complete the pruning of the remaining pears.
- **Long Term Planning:** Committee has begun to develop a plan for next year that would include upgrades (looking at plantings along Hamilton Place entrance and completing Ashmeade entrance); turf removals; mulching; and header board for some areas.
- **Reseeding** – Medallion will re-seed problem areas (that have been affected by irrigation lapses) as soon as irrigation issues have been resolved.

VI. Trees

- VII. **Review of Tree trimming and removals**—Committee has worked to finalize a bid with Lewis Tree Service for tree removal and trimming to be completed in late fall. After discussion with the Committee and Board, Lewis Tree Service will submit a revised bid reflecting requested changes to the existing bid.
- VIII. **Apparent Theft** – Tim informed Committee that plants have been removed from three newly planted areas—an apparent theft -- at 1945 Huxley (agapanthus tinkerbells); 1956 and 1958 Huxley (coral bells).