

1600 Hamilton Place Community Association Landscape Committee Meeting July 20, 2011

Committee Members

Sheba Solomon Co-Chair
Maryalice Heim Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald Medallion Landscaping

I. Open Forum

The open forum was called at 7 p.m. Helen Conway (1837 Ashmeade) was present to discuss concerns she had emailed earlier. (1) overgrown privet trees in restricted common areas at 1839 Ashmeade; and untended restricted common areas at 1829 and 1831 Ashmeade. This has been forwarded to the Board to address at the next meeting. (2) agreeing on a standard for hard pruning hedges. Medallion and the committee agreed that in the future hedges would be hard pruned more severely to allow spring growth to occur without needing to sheer the hedges repeatedly back from pathways. Due to the number of mature, overgrown hedges, Medallion is currently unable to hard prune all of them in one winter season so the pruning is scheduled over several years. The committee is working with the Board to replace as many overgrown hedges as possible with size-appropriate landscaping.

II. Call to Order

Co-Chair Sheba Solomon convened the meeting to review ongoing and needed work at 7:10 p.m.

III. Ongoing Work

A. Review of Recent New Work

- Medallion has completed bids approved by the committee for completion in July. These include new landscaping at 1347 Greenwich; 1877 Huxley; and additional plants at 1958 Foxhall.
- Drains were installed on Foxhall and Huxley to eliminate excessive puddling.
- Medallion continues to monitor irrigation issues as they arise. There have been a number of lawn areas in distress or dying. Sometimes it is due to a problem with the irrigation, requiring a repair; it also appears that someone has been turning off valves – this has been discovered when Medallion is trying to figure out why an area is not being watered.
- Medallion is also having to fine-tune the clocks to assure adequate coverage, especially during very hot weather.
- Medallion has assured the committee that the report for the semi annual irrigation system check (done in the spring) will be sent to Bill Hubbard.
- Medallion has requested a map of areas where utility boxes have been removed so he can prepare a bid for re-seeding.

B. Review of New Bids

- Bids approved by Board at their July meeting are in Medallion's scheduling queue.
- Upgrade work Ashmeade (1818-21) will be completed the first week of August.
- Committee will work with Medallion to identify high profile areas with overgrown hedges that would benefit by updated, size appropriate landscaping.
- Lewis Trees has completed their walk through. They will complete tree trimming in the fall and will be removing 4 diseased plums.

C. Long Term Planning

- The committee continues to monitor all landscaping. Any plants that die (from recent plantings) are replaced by Medallion (as long as the cause is not from pets).

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next Landscape Committee meeting will take place on August 17, 2011.