

**1600 Hamilton Place Community Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
February 15, 2012**

Committee Members

Sheba Solomon Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald Medallion Landscaping
Brian Finerty Board of Directors Member

I. Open Forum

The open forum was called at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for residents to submit landscaping requests to the committee. If residents cannot attend the open forum, they can submit requests in writing to Bill Hubbard at bhubbard@communitymanagement.com. There were no residents present with open forum concerns/requests.

II. Call to Order

Co-Chair Sheba Solomon convened the meeting to review ongoing and needed work at 7:00 p.m.

III. Ongoing Work

A. Review of Maintenance Concerns and Recent New Work

- Evergreen pear tree pruning has been completed
- Landscaping has been completed at site of Ashmeade gas trench repairs – looks great and Board has approved area adjacent to this. Reviewed placement of plants.
- Current focus is on hard pruning of shrubbery, including Escallonia, Photinia, and Abelia hedges and will continue for the next several months

• Review of New Bids

- Committee reviewed bids submitted for committee and Board consideration
- Discussed requests for new bids in problem areas.

• 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). The committee continues to see owners who allow their pets to urinate on our lawns and landscaping. The committee would like to remind owners to curb their pets and save our beautiful landscaping.
- Committee is working with the Board of Directors to determine priority areas for mature hedge replacement as well as the replacement of smaller turf areas.

• Trees

- Looked at 3 plum trees at entrance with Medallion– to address Board concern that some needed trimming. Tim indicated that (1) the plum trees flower at different rates/times; (2) the middle tree was not a healthy tree and pruning it would not be recommended. It is about 10 years old (the lifetime of most plums is about 15 to 20 years). The other two are not as diseased and it would make no sense to prune them to match the smaller tree because these two trees will probably always grow at a faster rate than the middle one. Tim's recommendation was to remove the sick tree and replant a new one.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m. The next Landscape Committee meeting will take place on March 21, 2012.