

**1600 Hamilton Place Community Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
September 17, 2014**

Committee Members

Sheba Soloman Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald Medallion Landscaping

Open Forum - No homeowners were present.

The open forum is an opportunity for residents to submit landscaping concerns/requests to the committee. If residents cannot attend the open forum, they can submit requests in writing to Bill Hubbard at bhubbard@communitymanagement.com.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Ongoing Work

Review of Maintenance Concerns and Recent New Work

- Medallion will continue summer growth control trimming, to include thinning out some of the beds with overgrown liriopse.
- Medallion will treat kikuyu in lawns on Greenwich (along Leigh)

III. Irrigation

- Due to drought conditions, Medallion will continue to monitor water cut-backs. Some areas are being adjusted as needed.
- Medallion will continue to monitor and repair irrigation as necessary

IV. Review of Bids

- Plantings at the Ashmead mail box area, the Foxhall gas trench area, the Foxhall car wash area and area on Huxley where the tree fell down, have mostly been completed. Final completion (including mulching, a crape myrtle at the Foxhall gas trench area) is expected by the end of September at the latest.
- October work approved by the Committee and the Board will be done mid-October (timed to avoid the heat of the summer) and will include improvements throughout the complex.

V. Long Term Planning

- Committee presented long term plans for improvements to the Board for budget consideration. Work will commence in 2015 on Greenwich and Ashmeade, where painting has been completed, and will be done over a period of three years, eventually including areas on Huxley, Donovan and Foxhall (once they have been painted).
- Medallion will prepare a bid for 2015 for kikuyu grass removal – project to include areas on Donovan, a small curb area next to the main lawn at the HX entrance, and other satellite areas on the interior of the circle.

VI. Trees

- Lewis tree will present a revised tree trimming proposal to the Board to include removing dead growth from trees that are in decline.
- Two of the four sycamores will be removed at the Leigh Avenue entrance at Greenwich per Board direction. Tree replacements are under consideration. The committee and Board are considering drought-tolerant trees with enough height to provide shade for homeowners.
- Medallion has addressed a problem with some of our newer, smaller trees infected with downey mildew. This is different from the powdery mildew that affects some of our other plants (nandinas, crape myrtles, etc.). Medallion says the trees have been turning brown and will defoliate but should come back in the spring. Next year they will spray to discourage the mildew initially in the spring and then again later in the summer to hopefully curtail the problem.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Landscape Committee meeting will be on **Wed, Oct. 15, 2014**.