# 1600 Hamilton Place Community Association Landscape Committee Meeting October 19, 2017

#### **Committee Members**

Maryalice Heim Co-Chair Sheba Solman Co-Chair

**Others Present** 

Tim Fitzgerald Medallion Landscaping

Brian Finerty Board Member

#### **Open Forum**

No one in attendance for the Open Forum

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 <a href="mailto:bhubbard@communitymanagement.com">bhubbard@communitymanagement.com</a>.

Call to Order: Co-chair Maryalice Heim convened the meeting to review ongoing and needed work at 3:05 p.m.

#### **Ongoing Work**

#### **Review of Maintenance Concerns and Recent New Work**

- Medallion continues to focus on Fall debris clean up and will address irrigation issues as they arise.
- Medallion has started trimming and Crepe Myrtle Trees in the complex. Trimming of Pear trees will follow.

## **Irrigation**

- The irrigation clocks are set to water three times a week; however certain areas have been increased to avoid plant/tree loss. The frequency and duration of irrigation continues to be closely monitored and adjustments will be made as needed for changes in the weather.
- Irrigation issues continue to be problematic, including repair of broken lateral lines and sprinklers. Medallion has been working diligently to correct the problems in a timely fashion. The Board and committee appreciates any heads-up from residents in detecting water leaks as well as curbing personal water usage.
- Medallion stated that the irrigation software provider will no longer support the wireless communication for our older clocks. These 11 clocks will be adjusted manually as needed. The two upgraded clocks are operating with the new software.

#### **Review of Bids**

- Medallion has completed previously approved work this month, including some additional mulching throughout the complex, and three projects on Huxley that include mature hedge removals and water saving landscape improvements. The committee continues to monitor the health of the new plants. The Board and Committee will revisit remaining suggested work for implementation in 2018 (see Long-Term Planning).
- Committee bids were approved for Fall planting for areas on Ashmeade, Foxhall, Greenwich and Huxley.
- Medallion will submit final committee bids this month for approval for Fall planting.

## **Long-Term Planning**

• Committee has identified areas for turf and hedge removals and has prioritized work for completion in a multiyear plan. This plan focuses on water conservation and includes, capping sprinklers and installing rock; replacing turf with drought-tolerant landscaping and using high efficiency sprinklers, as appropriate. The Board focus is on water saving, size appropriate landscaping to reduce maintenance (trimming) requirements.

### Trees

- Lewis Tree Service's annual tree trimming bid was approved by the Board. Work will commence in November.
- Medallion has planted 4 of the replacement trees for those were removed in October. The fifth replacement will be planted this month.
- Board approved Lewis Tree Service Bid to deep water and fertilize struggling Redwoods in the island at the 1600 Hamilton Place entrance at Leigh Avenue.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday November 19, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Open Forum will be at 3:30 pm. Note: There will be no Landscape meeting in December due to the Holidays.