

**1600 Hamilton Place Community Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
November 15, 2017**

Committee Members

Maryalice Heim	Co-Chair
Sheba Solman	Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald	Medallion Landscaping
Brian Finerty	Board Member

Open Forum

Homeowner on Ashmead requested that seed heads of two Crepe Myrtles at mailbox area be trimmed; Medallion will trim these.

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.

Call to Order: Co-chair Maryalice Heim convened the meeting to review ongoing and needed work at 3:07 p.m.

Ongoing Work

Review of Maintenance Concerns and Recent New Work

- Medallion continues to focus on Fall debris clean up. Leaf drop is heavy and constant at this time of year and homeowners are asked to be patient as the crew tries to keep up with the clean up, along with other regularly-scheduled work that needs to occur.
- Medallion completed trimming the Crepe Myrtle Trees in the complex and has started trimming the Pear trees.

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.

Review of Bids

- Board approved bids for areas on: Huxley near 1877 (hedge removal and updated landscape with drought tolerant and size-appropriate plants); Huxley parking area (two abelia hedge removals; beds to be mulched to conserve water); and Greenwich at dumpster #4 where hedges were removed for lighting project (lower plants will be installed here so lighting will not be blocked).
- Board also approved the following requests for bids for work to be completed in 2017 - hedge removals in three other areas for enhanced security (xylosma on Greenwich between garages; xylosma between 1877 Huxley and garage); and large holly near 2084 FX to allow for lower plants near lighting).
- Medallion will submit replacement tree map and bid for the six additional tree removals (see Tree section).

Long-Term Planning

- Committee has identified areas for turf and hedge removals and has prioritized work for completion in a multi-year 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 has started tree trimming throughout the complex; work should be completed by the end of November or beginning of December.
- Lewis Tree Service deep watered and fertilized the struggling Redwoods at the island entrance of 1600 Hamilton Place.
- Board approved Lewis Tree's Bid to remove six declining trees – 2 Liquid Amber trees on Greenwich, 1 Plum tree on Huxley and 3 Plum trees on Ashmead.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. There will be no Landscape meeting in December due to the Holidays.