

**1600 Hamilton Place Community Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
October 17 2018**

Committee Members

Sheba Solomon Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald Medallion Landscaping

Call to Order: Co-Chair, Sheba Solomon convened the meeting to review ongoing and needed work at 3:30 p.m.

Ongoing Work: Review of Maintenance Concerns and Recent New Work

- Medallion's focus will increasingly focus on Fall debris removal and cleanup. They will be completing the annual pruning of the crape myrtles and pears, and finish up with the nandina pruning. They will continue to address irrigation issues as they arise.

Irrigation: The frequency and duration of irrigation continues to be closely monitored and adjustments will be made as needed for changes in the weather.

- Irrigation is set to water automatically and frequency will be changed as weather permits.
- The Board and committee appreciate resident diligence in curbing personal water usage as well as any heads-up in detecting water leaks.

Review of Recently Completed Work and Work in Progress

- There are a few previously-approved landscape upgrades in Ashmeade (1829, 1846, 1848); Foxhall (1956, 2084); Greenwich (1340); and Huxley (1863) to be completed in 2018. These should be done within the next month.
- Bubblers will replace sprinklers at landscape beds near Ashmeade carport.

Long-Term Planning: The Board focus for landscape improvement is to conserve water and install size-appropriate landscaping to reduce maintenance (trimming) requirements.

- The Committee, in keeping with the Board focus, has identified many areas for improvement for 2019. These areas focus on water conservation and include capping sprinklers, installing mulch or rock; and replacing turf with drought-tolerant, size-appropriate landscaping, using high efficiency sprinklers, as needed.
- Many areas for improvement have already been identified for 2019 and Medallion will submit bids for these areas by the end of November so Board can finalize 2019 work.

Trees

- Lewis Tree received preliminary approval from the City Planner of San Jose to remove 5 problematic ordinance size trees (1885 HX, 1891 HX, 1918 HX, 2091 FX and 1329 GR). A hearing is now scheduled for November 5. Replacements for these trees will be completed once the approval is received and removals and stump grinding have been completed.
- Lewis Tree submitted, and the Board approved, the tree trimming bid for Fall 2018. The work will commence November 5. Based on the recent inventory provided by Lewis Tree, removals of dead or declining trees will be reviewed and bids for removals and replacements will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next Landscape meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 3:00 pm.