

**1600 Hamilton Place Community Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
September 20, 2023**

Committee Member

Sheba Solomon Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald Medallion Landscaping

Brian Finnerty Board Member

Call to Order: Co-Chair, Sheba Solomon convened the meeting to review ongoing and needed work at 2:00 p.m.

Ongoing Work: Review of Maintenance Concerns and Recent New Work

- Medallion's focus is on summer shrub trimming with an emphasis on clearing/pruning shrubs that block lighting.
- Medallion sprayed the second treatment for grubs in late August.

Irrigation: The frequency and duration of irrigation continues to be closely monitored and adjustments are made as needed for changes in the weather or to accommodate new plantings.

- Medallion addresses irrigation issues as they arise.
- Irrigation is set to water four times per week due to warm weather and its effect on new plantings and lawns.
- The Board and committee appreciate resident diligence in curbing personal water usage as well as any heads-up in detecting water leaks or faulty sprinklers.

Review of New Projects and Recently-Approved Work

- Medallion's landscape upgrades for 2023 were completed.
- The Board has approved a few additional bids for 2023 focusing on security with the goal of reducing areas with overgrown landscape, particularly as it relates to visibility and lighting. The work for these areas should be completed in October.

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

- Security: due to security concerns, the committee and Medallion are identifying areas to enhance visibility and lighting. This can involve removing select bushes and/or using lower plants to increase visibility. The committee appreciate any suggestions for improving security affected by landscape.
- Long-term plan includes areas for enhancing security; and for water conservation, capping sprinklers when possible, installing mulch or rock; and replacing turf with drought-tolerant, size-appropriate landscaping, using high efficiency sprinklers, as needed.

Trees

- Lewis Tree completed and the Board approved Lewis' annual tree inventory. The annual tree trimming will commence in November.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2 p.m.