

**1600 Hamilton Place Community Association
Landscape Committee Meeting
March 20, 2024**

Committee Member

Sheba Solomon	Co-Chair
Maryalice Heim	Co-Chair

Others Present

Tim Fitzgerald	Medallion Landscaping
Brian Finerty	Board Member

Call to Order: Co-Chair, Maryalice 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 spring trimming and landscape clean up.

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 currently turned off. Medallion will turn on irrigation, depending on rainfall, to once (or twice) a week as needed to protect 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 will complete the planting of approved 2024 bids by the end of March. These aim to reduce overgrown landscape, particularly as it impairs visibility and lighting
- Committee has started to identify areas for 2025 landscape upgrades.

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

- Security: The committee and Medallion continue to identify areas to improve visibility and lines of sight where lights are blocked by bushes. This can involve hard pruning or removing bushes and/or using lower plants to increase visibility. The committee appreciates any suggestions for improving security affected by landscape.
- Long-term plan includes maintaining lines of sight and visibility, 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

- Medallion will submit a bid to spray Hackberry trees to reduce aphid infestation. There will be two applications—the first in April, followed by an application in July.
- The Plum trees have been sprayed to help with fruit reduction. This year, due to the rainy season, we can anticipate a reduction of about 50%.
- The Board has approved replacements for trees removed in 2023 and Medallion will schedule planting in April.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next Committee meeting will Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.