

## WOCA Landscape Committee Meeting Notes

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Doug Gillen - Bianco Landscape Management

Resident from Sylvan Ct. asked about fencing changes that can be made to prevent animals from leaving or entering his yard, which backs up to open space. We suggested the snake fencing that can be purchased at Lowes or Hoe Depot. Dave thanked us and left the meeting.

Discussion with BLM:

Plant replacement bids:

We discussed the methodology Doug used to put the bids together. He stated that some of them were simply filling in the holes, where plants have been pulled. Others included removal and replacement as some plants were no longer healthy or the right plants for the area. We asked that the bids show what the scope of work is.

Discussed the way we should be replacing plants. We should develop a new pallet of plants as our current pallet may not have the right kind of plants for the drought or for the areas we are updating or replacing. As our current pallet was more toward the "formal" look at the gates we are now looking to update the pallet with plants that fit in better with what the City has done and what we have planted at Gate 23 and in the proposals the Paul has put together for Gate 20 and 8. This will have to be a coordinated plan with Paul, BLM, and the committee.

Park Drive plant replacement bids.

We discussed not replacing the plants with what did not survive there to begin with. We should come up with a new palette of plants for the areas along Park Drive to fit in with the City's plantings. Doug will send a new bid for the plant replacements.

Color spots should be skipped this year as this is not appropriate during this drought year and we need to see if this fits in with the new pallet.

We should walk with the BLM folks to review the gate replacements and updates they have bid to get an idea of how the new plants will fit in.

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Asked BLM about the Trail maintenance and that we need to come up with the specifications for the use of herbicide vs weed whacking. When weeds get to 6 inches tall is when treatment is done to the specs that BLM uses. One of the crew was overzealous this year and went to 2 feet in some areas. 18 inch spray from edge of trail 3 -4 times a years is what BLM goes by now.

Trail maintenance as far as DG replacement is not part of the landscape Maintenance contract

WE asked that BLM stay on top of the Dog mess cleanup, on the trails.

Irrigation:

John Bianco discussed water saving methods and stated he has a full presentation put together on the subject. We stated that it may be a good idea for Paul to present at a Board meeting to meet the board and to give them and the community a look at what we can do to save water in our irrigation systems.

The new low volume sprayers should be on top of the list for lawn areas and Shrubs areas to reduce over spray and run off. They will look at previous proposals that were done in previous years. Replacing zones with Low Volume nozzles. The sprayers we now have emit up to 1.5 inches of rain of an hour, causing run off. The Low Volume will do .8 to .12 and allow the soil to absorb vs running off and use larger drops to prevent the misting. The cost is \$12 for MP rotator, Unit 39 44 is precision \$8.

Rainbird, has a version also that may be cheaper.

Also, continued controller replacement and replacement of the controllers that are connected to the City's systems. That way we can once again get full control of the system. BLM recommends that we replace all the controllers with LXMEs.

The City still has not renewed the contract with Toro the SW to run the irrigation system. One suggestion is for WOCA to pitch in on the cost for the 3 Year SW license and during that time work on replacing the controllers. Doug will talk to Vicki about this.

John Bianco proposed to do a Hydretain demo at one of the gates where one side the lawn will be treated and the other will not and do a comparison over time. John stated that he has used it on his own lawn and it has made a difference on how the lawn uses water and the grass looks. Proposal is to use it on the Gates 13 and 14 as a sample gate when the planting is done.

Mariella Park plants and edging as some plants are stressed or dead and edging is coming up. Doug will review it.

John and Doug depart.

Paul has drawings on the gate updates for gates 8 and 20.

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We reviewed the drawings and like the overall plans.

He also has a plan for the lawn area that is proposed to be removed at Pheasant Lane Mailboxes.

We also approved of the plan and approved it.

These will have to wait until the Fall when it makes sense to do new planting.

Paul will scan and email the Plans.

Meeting adjourned.

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