

Whitney Oaks Landscape Committee Meeting 14 Oct 2014

Attendees:

Bryon Schrum  
Reinhold Gedeit  
Paul Marcillac – Volunteer Consultant  
Vicky Langer - KOCAL  
Doug Gillen - BLM

Agenda:

1. Meeting with BLM

a. Tags for new plants:

Our proposal is to have new plants, replacements, tagged to show when they were planted. This will make it easier to identify if they are under warranty. Doug responded that BLM can do this but will use colored tags to id the plants with a different color used each month/week. The color will be documented for those dates. GP doesn't like the idea. However, we would be satisfied if the new planting was somehow documented, pictures with location being another solution. This requirement is included in the new Landscape Maintenance Contractor RFP/Contract document under development.

b. Monthly irrigation report:

The proposal is to increase the interval of inspections of the irrigation infrastructure. This is needed with the ongoing drought and will help reduce cost of treated water. The proposal was agreed to by Doug from BLM. The interval will decrease in the Winter months.

c. Hillcrest Pool plant proposal. The planting in the pool area is OKed with the cleanup of the small patch by the equipment area and planting with ornamental grasses. The area on the outside of the Pool was seen to have too many trees in the bid and Doug was going to review and resubmit.

2. RFP/Specifications for bidding/ revised landscape contract:

We reviewed the RFP/Specification with Doug from BLM. We went through section by section. Updates were done based on input from the assembled team. Vicki captured the updates and has updated the RFP/Specification. The Draft RFP/Specification will be submitted to the Board for review.

3. 1 vs 3 trees for Legend entry area:

The Large Ok at the entrance died and was removed this year. The proposal was to replace with a new Oak or 3 other smaller trees. It was argued that we should replace with 1 or 2 Oaks as this is Whitney Oaks and we should remember we got the name from all the Oaks. It was agreed to replace with Oaks.

4. Tree of Heaven removal at Hillcrest and Vivien/Pheasant - Approved by Board:  
It was noted that since this an ongoing issue, it should be budgeted for so as to keep up with these nuisance trees.
5. Irrigation on Whitney Oaks Drive where water shut off for litigation:  
Vicki updated us on the project to restore water to the area. In addition Vicki notified us that the water meter that PCWA shut off on Black Oak was there for the Oak Tree remediation and the project has ended. The cost would be ~\$16k to turn it back on. She will ask the homeowners that the landscape is adjacent to, if they can irrigate the areas as we just did replanting there.
6. Tree injection scope for winter:  
We reviewed the proposal from Arbor view on the Tree injection of insecticide and Fertilizer. We stated we should move forward with the insecticide, for the Aphids. The cost for the fertilization was high due to the number of trees. We decided that we didn't need to fertilize the trees, as the normal topical fertilization that BLM does should cover us. The one area noted was where the turf is no longer watered in the Orchard and that may need the Fertilizer. Vicki will ask for rebid on the fertilization.
7. Unit 44 Planting: Vicki and Holt review the proposed planting in Unit 44 with GP. Many of the plants that were hit hard last winter had recovered and other issues were seen. Based on our input GP has redone the proposed planting. The new proposal falls within the approved cost.
8. Landscape remodel plans for Gates 4, 6, 7, 12, 15, and 16:  
Paul Marcillac was asked to come up with some guidelines for re-landscaping proposals. We did not expect him to do the full specifications as this would be on his time and also au-gratis. He already puts time in on the ARC. Paul agreed to take a look and come up with the guidelines. These gates needed a huge amount of replacement plants and were seen as ideal for redesign that will take irrigation and drought issues into the planning.
9. Landscape Committee Vacancy - Anyone know someone who wants to serve?  
the committee could use 1 or 2 more members contact Vicki with names of folks interested.