

WOCA Landscape Meeting Notes

Date: 1/28/2013

Attendees:

Vicky Langer (KOCAL)  
Reinhold Gedeit  
Melanie Cook  
Bryon Schrum  
Jim Cheap  
Carle Wolfe  
John Bianco (BLM)  
Doug Gillen (BLM)

Meeting Notes:

BLM review:

Drought preparation and mitigation suggestions:

ET Controllers: BLM installed several of these controllers last year. They determine the requirements if water is needed for the areas that have POC controller, not from the City. Their suggestion is to keep replacing the old POC controllers with the ET controllers in order to save water.

Watering that uses city controller, Doug has full access to the controller and is working with Jared to keep the programs updated. Current situation is that the license to use has run out and Rocklin is going to pay for the new license. Rocklin may take water away and access to the controller if drought continues.

Hydroretain:

Helps retain the water in the soil and keeps it near the roots. Needs reapplication every 3 months, early March for the first app. and then again in June.

The Landscape Committee recommends going forward with the Hydroretain treatments. This will help save the plants and turf during the reduced watering this year.

Low volume spray nozzles: These nozzles will help in the reduction of water being used and lowering the run off. The nozzles only use .8 inches of water an hour versus the 2 inches per hour the current nozzles use. In the past we have used low volume nozzles but these are better performing. The recommendation is to break down the areas that the nozzles will produce the most benefit. Turf and shrubs are used in the application for these nozzles. This will be future enhancement and also when we redo areas

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Question was asked by Jim on the use of rocks instead of bark in the landscapes. The cost is about the same and the rock doesn't break down. BLM recommends Barking as it has breaks down and provides nutrients to the soil but it does have to be replaced. The rock, but rock is an option in certain applications and can be used to reduce the amount of turf and provide alternative look to the landscape. BLM recommends the smaller size rocks be used since it will do better with shading the soil and retain moisture in the soil.

Foxhills fence line updating was discussed with BLM as they submitted a bid for doing the area in cobble. The alternative solution is to use larger cobble along the backside of the bark area to hold the bark in and hold the landscape fabric down. This will be a cheap border with a border of cobble and rebark with the overall bark redo.

Feedback to BLM on the cutting back the bushes. We again are asking them to leave them natural unless in the way or it's the time of the year to cut them back.

Mistletoe, needs Arborist to review. BLM will remove the ones they can remove from the trees.

Missing plants in the gates: BLM was asked to keep better track of the plants that died or have been pulled so that Vicky can sign off on replacement. Suggestion is to bundle together several weeks/months worth and submit to Vicky the replacement bid.

BLM has been working on areas 39 and 44: 39 is old and trees are causing issues with the irrigation systems. BLM is coming up with a proposal to Retro fit with valves and sensors to help shut down system when breaks occur.

BLM left the room

In general we need to come up with general plan for the gate redos and remove some turf. Get ideas on how to redo and reduce the water. We will ask Paul Marcillac to make some proposals.

Gates to prioritize.

Gate 8, Gate 20,

Prioritize the Gates for plant replacements

Bark Project:

Map with the scope of the last bark project will be sent from Vicky for us to review.

Landscape review will be collated and sent to Doug.