

Landscaping Committee Minutes

April 13, 2009

7 PM

1016 Chisholm (Lynda Moyer's home)

Call to Order: 7pm

Attendees: Phillip Morris, Christie Morris, Diane Solmonson, Diane Dupre, Joe Dupre, Alyssa Pearson, Stephanie Marcum, Kathy Burns, Lynda Moyer, Jennifer Wideman, John Wideman

Old Business:

YOM Winner: 356 Sagebrush – Congrats!! Lynda will install the sign and insure the gift certificate gets to the homeowner, and Jennifer will take a picture for the website.

Areas of Concerns:

- McMillian – Site damaging or not replacing sprinkler heads after mowing along McMillian, per Karen Walker – **leave on until next meeting**
- Unsightly yards in the neighborhood – best way to know if these yards are receiving notices? - John said to email any and all concerns to the email address: manager@theranchassoc.com This email will be sent directly to Fitchwood.
- Nominations for Landscape Committee Chairperson for 2009? - **no volunteer yet**
Responsibilities include:
 - communicating concerns to Fitchwood Management Company
 - sending out meeting notices and agendas to landscape committee members
 - liason between landscape committee and other committees, as well as communicating to the HOA board any committee concerns

Planting and Decorations Committee Updates: no updates

New Business:

- Earth Day is April 22nd – is the City of Murphy doing anything in the community? – **nothing going on in the city that members were aware of**
- Discuss Landscape “Capital Improvements” for 2009:
 - a.) insert seasonal color or flowering shrubs along split rail fence on McCreary Rd & possibly along neighborhood wall that's parallel with Murphy Rd (ex. Knockout Roses, Red Autumn Sage) – **Landscape Committee thought flowering shrubs would be a nice improvement along McMillian. Lynda will contact Site Development for bids – see attached drawing.**
 - b.) fix cap stone at Utah/McWhirter (budget \$500 – \$1,000) – Lynda will request Carrie McCommons to get a bid, so the landscape committee can plan for the repair. – **John will ask Carrie McCommons w/ Fitchwood to follow-up on bids.**
 - c.) repaint the black words “The Ranch” on all 11 neighborhood signs (schedule every 5 years possibly, or half the signs this year and the other half next year? – budget \$500) –
Lynda Moyer and Diane Dupre Bid: “tinted Valspar paint at \$24 per gallon or a premixed Rustoleum product at \$8.58 per quart. Whichever product we use, he recommended cleaning the surface first and sealing it afterwards. I think we would need 2 quarts, paint brushes, cleaner, scrub brush and sealer (forgot to price). I believe we can do what we need for less than \$50” – Per Diane's email. Bob Melendez: 214-562-8996 (320 Kansas Trail) has a gas power washer we can borrow.
Fitchwood Bid: Native Texas Landscapes @ \$75 per monument sign
- **Landscape Committee decided that it would be best to let a company that was bonded and insured repaint the 11 neighborhood signs incase there were**

any mishaps. Lynda and Diane will decide which signs need to be repainted and then contact Carrie McCommons with Fitchwood to proceed with the improvements.

- d.) plant trees in Corral Court (possible types: Live Oak, Red Oak, Little Gem Magnolia, Chinese Pistache, Vitex, Austrian Pine Tree)
- Total Tree Budget 2009 = \$1,700.
 - Site's bubbler quote: \$75 - \$100/bubbler depending on tree location.
 - bubbler estimate based on 5 trees = \$500
 - Treeland Quotes: Bur Oak, Live Oak, Red Oak (45 gal) \$295, Chinese Pistachio (45/65 gal) \$330, Little Gem (30gal) \$195 *all trees planted and guranteed 1yr.* - Landscape Committee decided to purchase 3 trees from Treeland to be planted in Corral Court: 1 – (30gal) Live Oak, 1- (95gal) Chinese Pistachio, 1- (95gal) Bur Oak. Site Development will be contact to install bubblers at each location (see drawing for each location). Total expense with bubblers is estimated at \$1,691.01 (\$300 – bubblers, & \$1,391.01 – trees) – see attached drawing for tree layout
- e.) Lids on sprinkle junction boxes (possibly locking ones) – Lynda will work with Carrie McCommons to request Site Management to get a bid for replacing all broken/cracked lids on under ground/above ground junction boxes. – removed from Agenda
- f.) 2 entrance markers along McMillian – John Wideman will work with Carrie McCommons to get this approved with homeowners. – HOA Board will work with Fitchwood and homeowners.
- g.) Upgrade/repair lights at Murphy Rd entrance and install sockets – Lynda will have William (the neighborhood electrician) provide an estimate – We are waiting for the power to be turned back on at this location to determine what an estimate for repairs/upgrades would cost.
- h.) Seasonal Color Change – Site Development will be changing out the 11 seasonal color beds and 2 medians in the neighborhood in the next few weeks. Of the 5 suggestions the Landscape Committee provided to Site (Pentas, Potato Vine, Lantana, Zinnas, Blue Saliva); Site picked Zinnas, Lantana, and Blue Salvia as good options for the heat.

Adjournment 8:00 pm –

- **YOM Nominations Due on May 8th**
- **Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, May 11th @ 7pm**