

Landscaping Committee Agenda
May 12, 2008
7 PM
1016 Chisholm (Lynda Moyer home)

Call to Order 7:00pm

Attendees: **Kathy Burns, Karen Walker, Jennifer Wideman, Lynda Moyer, Lisa Williams, Alyssa Pearson, Stephanie Marcum, & Diane Salmonsens – New Member!**

Old Business:

YOM: 7:10-7:20

Nominations: 355 Montana

315 Sagebrush

356 Sagebrush

1227 Lonesome Dove

1313 Ranger – YOM Winner for May!

Areas of Concerns Follow-ups 7:20-7:30 pm

- 4 way stop – Barbara Dube checking with public works on traffic study
Lisa will follow-up/email Barbara Dube
- Drainage along Betsy at Southwest corner of Betsy and Foxcreek – Karen Walker to follow-up with David Bottlinger to see what can be done about slope.
Karen stated that the city of Murphy isn't going to do anything else until Betsy Rd. is widened & the city is under budget cuts.
- Dead plants on McWhirter due to major drainage problem next to fence Carrie says D.R. Horton to investigate the drainage problem and the plants; most likely will be replaced again.
Lisa commented that Carrie with LoneStar is working on this problem, and Karen mentioned that Johnny in Public Works will be happy to look at the problem if needed.
- Watering times and length along Betsy & Foxcreek
Landscape committee requested a rep from Site Management attend our meet to discuss concerns with watering times, duration of watering cycle, damaged sprinkler heads, covers removed from below ground sprinkler boxes
See Site Development notes
- Karen mentioned fence at Fox Creek & Rothschild is not the same as the one across from Fox Creek that DR Horton constructed
Info passed on to Carrie from Amy
Lisa will follow-up with Carrie w/ LoneStar
- Karen mentioned that tops off sprinkler heads along the creek where the sidewalk @ Betsy connects to Ponderosa
Update from Lisa
See Site Development notes
- Jennifer mentioned there is a large hole between sidewalk and the road where a cracked piece of plastic is covering the hole
Verizon recently came out to put hard plastic cover over hole – Karen will check on this issue
A Verizon cover was placed over the deep hole, however it doesn't fit correctly. Karen will contact Verizon again.

- Timeframe for landscaping with seasonal color in front entrance beds for spring/summer **done in April – Jennifer will spray with “Deer Off” to ensure rabbits do not eat the flowers**
- Possibility to carry the shrub “theme” to other secondary entrance beds
Update from Jennifer on this.
Done in April
- Ivy growing on the Fab wall off of Betsy just West of Foxcreek. Also yellow plastic collars around some trees along the fab wall that may cause problems if not removed.
Lynda will notify Carrie McCommons with Lonestar Mgt
Lisa will contact Carrie w/ Lonestar. Landscape Board recommended sending a letter to the home owner to keep the ivy on the interior side of the fab wall. This would insure that the invasive ivy would not creep into neighbor’s yards, or damaged the wall.
- Committee will submit flyer to residents at next social event in 2008
Update from Diane Dupre/Barbara Dupe
Done – flyers handed out at the Recalled Annual HOA meeting.

Committee Updates

- Holiday Decorations for front entrance/common areas – Did committee collect Michael’s coupons for discount??? Did Lynda request \$100 from HOA board members for additional patriotic banners???
Will decorate entrances on 5/21 @ 7pm – meet in the Model home parking lot

New Business: 7:30-8:00 pm

Areas of Concerns

- Someone driving over the sidewalk off of Lonesome Dove at Betsy. This is causing the sidewalk to breakup.
Kathy saw a 4-wheeler driving on the sidewalk; possibly a builder employee. Karen feels that they may be damaging the sidewalk due to the weight of the 4-wheeler. Lisa will contact Carrie w/ Lonestar.
- Sunken manhole cover on Lonestar and Betsy; contacted Nicole Reader or John with public works; John says to concrete the manhole in for support.
Karen spoke with Johnny in Public Works. We have 2 options: 1.) move manhole, and then reconnect sprinkler heads at our expense, or 2.) city will raise the man hole and create a concrete slab area between the curb and the sidewalk. Committee recommended option 2, and Lisa will notify Carrie & HOA board.
- The Ranch signs painted in black are fading. When will they be repainted?
Lisa will notify Carrie w/ Lonestar
- Graffiti on the bridge, electrical and cable junction boxes.
Karen will contact Ron Hill with the Crime Watch Committee to possibly have this cleaned up
- Easement Phase II issues with the Chases.
Karen investigated that the Chase family’s acreage butts up against the homeowners fences along Ashdon Lane in Phase II. There is no easement for The Ranch to maintain, and the over growth of trees and shrubs along this area is not The Ranch or Site Developments responsibility to keep up.

- Bracing of the trees; have they been braced longer than a year???
Lisa will contact Carrie w/ Lonestar. Most trees in the neighborhood have been staked for over a year.
- Big chunk broken off of cap on pillar at Utah and McWhirter on the West side of the street.
Lisa will contact Carrie w/ Lonestar
- Absence of wheelchair ramps at Lonesome Dove and Sagebrush as well as Sagebrush and Texas Trail.
Karen noticed that several corners in the neighborhood do not have wheelchair access/ramps: Sagebrush/Lonesome Dove, Montana/Alabama, TX Trail/Sagebrush. Karen will contact Johnny in Public Works & Lisa will contact Carrie w/ Lonestar. The Landscape Committee would like to know if the City is aware and approved the plans of DR Horton. Who is responsible for inputting additional wheelchair ramps if they are needed: DR Horton or the City?
- Reminder: YOM due date: Friday, June 6th
- YOM – Jennifer recommended that the committee determine a “waiting period” before a yard can be nominated for YOM again. The committee decided that if a yard is nominated for YOM it cannot be nominated again for 2 years. This is to give other homeowners a fair chance to win.
- Kathy mentioned that the Cottonwood trees are growing back along the brick wall of Betsy. Committee recommended contacting Carrie with Lonestar for further action.
- Committee requested an update from Lonestar/DR Horton regarding the corner of Sagebrush/ Lonesome Dove. This area is a field and is unfinished, and is a safety concern for residents. Lisa will contact Carrie.
- Jennifer mentioned that the YTD spend for the Seasonal Color budget & the Holiday decoration budget are:
 1. Seasonal color (\$3000/year) – remaining funds are approx. \$1800
 2. Holiday decorations (\$500/year) – remaining funds are approx. \$430
- John Wideman is the Landscape Committee’s liaison from the HOA board.

Adjournment 8:00 pm – adjourned at 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, June 9th – meeting was changed to June 16th due to the P/Z meeting on Monday June 9th at City Hall.

Site Development Notes:

Site Development, The Ranches landscape maintenance company, attending the Landscape Committee's meeting on 5/12/08. In attendance from Site Development were Tom Spence & Scott Dawson. The following is a list of concerns with feedback from Site Development:

- Site will change the watering times to being at 10am for the front entrance beds @ Wagonwheel and Murphy Rd, due to the halogen lights needing to cool down prior to the water coming on. The committee had to replace many bulbs last year, and the electrician recommended this change.
- The committee inquired how frequent and when the different stations water: Site commented that most of the stations water 2-3 times per week, and the pop up heads water for approx. 8 min. and the rotary heads water for about 20min.
- Site has checked all the sprinkler heads and bubblers and all are in working order.
- Jennifer mentioned that the Corral Court area seems "boggy" near the sidewalk closest to the creek, and Site Development will check if there is a broken sprinkler line.
- The Landscape Committee recommended that Site Development remove stakes and yellow tree tags from all trees. Site & Lisa will follow-up with Carrie w/ Lonestar and HOA Board. It was mentioned by Lisa that the HOA board recommended June be the appropriate time for these to be removed, so all trees could be staked for the one year period.