

## Landscaping Committee Minutes

March 9, 2009

7 PM

1016 Chisholm (Lynda Moyer's home)

Call to Order 7:00pm

Kathy Burns, Karen Walker, John Wideman, Jennifer Wideman, Diane Dupre, Diane Solomon, Stephanie Marcum, Lynda Moyer

### Old Business:

**YOM:** 2009 YOM Nomination Due Dates:

April – 10<sup>th</sup> (new YOM added)

Aug – 7<sup>th</sup>

May – 8<sup>th</sup>

Sept – 11<sup>th</sup> (new YOM added)

June – 5<sup>th</sup>

Nov - 6<sup>th</sup> *Fall Harvest decorations*

July – 10<sup>th</sup>

Dec – 11<sup>th</sup> *Christmas decorations*

### **Areas of Concerns:**

- Does the flagstone pathway in the cul-de-sac on Cowboy Court and Hideway Court need to be ADA compliant?
  1. Landscape Committee requested that Fitchwood Management Co. work with the city of Murphy to verify if these walkways need to be ADA compliant. **Per City of Murphy, these areas do not have to be ADA Compliant.**
- Review Site Management Contact
  1. mulch 2x's per year
  2. 2 seasonal colors changes in all 11 beds (1 spring/summer & 1 fall/winter)

**Per The Ranch Association of Owners budget, the total annual expense = \$29,960.77**
- Nominations for Landscape Committee Chairperson for 2009?

Responsibilities include:

  1. communicating concerns to Fitchwood Management Company
  2. sending out meeting notices and agendas to landscape committee members
  3. liason between landscape committee and other committees, as well as communicating to the HOA board any committee concerns

**Still searching for a Committee Chairperson. Lynda Moyer, Co-Chair, will fill in until someone volunteers for this open position.**

**Planting and Decorations Committee Updates: no updates**

### New Business:

- YOM Program for 2009: Calloway's vs. Classic Gardens  
Pro's vs. Cons:
  1. Classic Gardens – has done our YOM for the past 3 years. The HOA offers \$25 to Classics Gardens and they will match this amount with another \$25. \$50 gift certificate total for 6 YOM's per year.
  2. Calloway's Nursery – started a Good Neighbor Program for 2009 (YOM). We filled out the application in Jan. and we were accepted into the program. They write expertly written garden tips each month that can be posted on the website/newsletter. They offer a \$25 gift certificate to the YOM winner for 12 YOM's per year. There are also special savings coupons offered to residents living in the Ranch.

Landscape Committee Members voted on switching to Calloway's Nursery this year. We will also have YOM awards for 8 months of the year instead of 6 months.

The YOM Ranch budget of \$200 allows for 8ea \$25 YOM gift certificates and Calloway's will also contribute \$25, so the resident will receive a total of \$50. John Wideman will be responsible for having the Calloway's garden tip posted on the Ranch Website.

- Pick summer seasonal color for Site Management (see handout)  
Landscape Committee members picked the following for seasonal color options for Site Management company: Pentas, Sweet Potato Vine, Zinna, Lantana, Salvia, Purslane.
- Review Sprinkler System layout  
All committee members provided a handout
- Discuss Landscape "Capital Improvements" for 2009 - brain storming/feedback from committee members
  - 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) – Committee Members will drive by these area of the neighborhood and bring suggestions on improvements to the next meetings along with plant selections. Due to the approaching summer, shrubs would need to be planted soon.
  - 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.
  - c.) repaint the black words "The Ranch" on all 11 neighborhood signs (schedule every 5 years possibly? – budget \$500) – Lynda Moyer and Diane Dupre will work with Lowe's to understand what paint is required, and provide an estimate to the HOA Board
  - d.) plant any trees in Corral Court or other common areas(Live Oak, Red Oak, Little Gem Magnolia, Chinese Pistache, Vitex, Austrian Pine Tree) (\$250 - \$350 each) – the landscape committee members will drive by Corral Court and see what trees would look appropriate in the space available. An estimated 3-4 trees with drip could be installed.
  - e.) Storage shed to store holiday & patriotic decorations, - \$600/yr (@ \$50/month) – attic storage is available at the Ranch/Gables pool at no monthly expense
  - f.) 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.
  - g.) Purchase additional Christmas garland/wreaths along McMillian/split rail fence – this expense will come from the holiday decorations budget
  - h.) 2 entrance markers along McMillian – John Wideman will work with Carrie McCommons to get this approved with homeowners.
  - i.) Upgrade/repair lights at Murphy Rd entrance and install sockets – Lynda will have William (the neighborhood electrician) provide an estimate

**Adjournment 8:00 pm –**

- **YOM Nominations Due on April 10th**
- **Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**