

Landscaping Committee Minutes

August 10th, 2009

7 PM

1016 Chisholm Trail (Lynda Moyer's home)

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Attendees: Karen Walker, Diane & Joe Dupre, Stephanie Marcum, Diane Solomonson, Lynda Moyer, Jennifer Wideman

YOM Nominees:

1. 405 Sagebrush – 1 vote
2. 348 Apache Trail – 1 vote
3. 405 Ponderosa – 3 votes *Winner Congrats!!*
4. 1226 Ranger – 2 votes
5. 351 Sagebrush – 2 votes

Old Business:

“Capital Improvements” for 2009:

- **SITE:** insert seasonal color or flowering shrubs along split rail fence on McMillan Rd & possibly along neighborhood wall that's parallel with Murphy Rd (ex. Knockout Roses, Red Autumn Sage) – See bid from Site **Landcape Committee decided to do option B from Site's bid. However, include Indian Hawthornes, Blue Salvia, and Yellow Lantana as the 3 evergreen shrubs & perennial flowers. Need to check and see if the bid includes drip or irrigation heads.**

Planting and Decorations Committee Updates:

- Hang Banners for Labor Day **The committee will hang banners on Sat. Aug. 29th @ 9am**
- Need to propose a date for seasonal color change – Nov 1st? **Committee would prefer seasonal color change to occur between 11/1 – 11/15. Pansy's and Snap Dragons were options for flowers.**

Additional Old Business:

- **SITE:** Sick Chinese Pistachio (bark peeling, just now budding out with leaves) along East and West of Lonestar/Betsy Rd. - From our meeting with Site on Wed. 7/22 site removed the Chinese Pistachio to the west of Lonestar/Betsy Lane. Does the Committee want to replace the tree this fall? The tree on the east of Lonestar /Betsy will be rechecked for signs of improvement on 8/22. **Committee decided to plant a 45 gal Chinese Pistachio tree from TreeLand.**
- **SITE:** Sections of Red Tip Photinas seem to be sick along McWhirter Rd. They are losing leaves, and seem very sparse. What is Site's conclusion? - From the meeting with Site on Wed. 7/22, they treated the Photinas with a fungicide and they are recovering and filling out with new growth. They said that various residential yards are draining through the flower beds, so they adjusted the watering schedule for those beds. **Have Site check the sprinkler zone @ North Hill/McWhirter. Seems to be watering in excess.**
- **SITE:** pulled out the diseased TX Sage along Murphy Rd. Does the committee want to replace those that were removed? **Check with Site to see when the best time of year to improve the existing shrubs (aka. Doctor them), or possibly have them replaced and the soil amended.**
- **SITE:** provided a bid for drip lines – See bid **The Landscape Committee thought the drip line bid would have to be phased in over a few years, due to costs...or other bids would need to be received.**
- **Committee liked the idea of throwing wild flower seeds in the open areas along the creek.**
- **Have Site possibly trim up the Wax Myrtles along McMillian.**

No need to review this Fitchwood List – I'm emailing these concerns directly to Fitchwood.

- **Fitchwood:** fix cap stone at Utah/McWhirter (budget \$500 – \$1,000) – John will ask Carrie McCommons w/ Fitchwood to follow-up on bids. Fitchwood is gathering bids
- **Fitchwood:** 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) – Waiting to see whether Native TX Landscapes will finish painting the remaining signs for the agreed upon \$75. How many signs were painted so far? Committee suggests renegotiating with Native TX Landscapes to complete the signs at the current price of \$75, but have them rebid their price to paint the complete sign when those are needed.
- **Fitchwood:** 2 entrance markers along McMillan – HOA Board will work with Fitchwood and homeowners. Can we see who did the “Welcome to Murphy” marker along 544, and get an estimate from that company? HOA Board is working with a real estate person to get an easement granted. The signs are approx. \$5000/ea. The Board will wait until Q4 (Oct.) to see if there is additional funds left over to install these neighborhood markers. In the meantime, the Board will discuss with affected residents.
- **Fitchwood:** Upgrade/repair lights at Murphy Rd entrance and install sockets – Have we received a bid from Fitchwood yet? Lynda has worked with William (neighborhood resident – electrician) to get pricing info on replacing the lights at Murphy Rd/Wagonwheel. \$45/hour – labor (approx. 2hrs of work), 2 light options: \$53/ea – 70wt less expensive light, and \$119/ea – 100wt more durable light.
- Burned fence boards along McWhirter Rd. Check with Karen regarding the location. (Between Rodeo & North Hill). Possibly the 6th or 7th house from North Hill – burned at the bottom.
- **Fitchwood:** Some homeowners back fences of Chesterfield are not in good shape. These are the fences that run parallel to McCreary. HOA Board will discuss
- **Fitchwood:** Numerous Verizon, Time Warner Cable, and or Gas pipeline markers throughout the neighborhood are busted, split open, or the covers are missing all together. Can Fitchwood contact these companies to come out and fix this eye sore? Have Carrie follow-up with companies.
- **Fitchwood:** Fading stop signs in the neighborhood. There are a handful of stop signs in the neighborhood that are faded from a bright red to a pale orange. Can Fitchwood have these replaced by the City of Murphy? John will discuss at CLC meeting.
- **Fitchwood:** Cap stone is broken at Betsy/Lonestar (west side of entrance). Need a bid from Fitchwood. Carrie is working on getting a bid

Adjournment –

- **YOM Nominations Due on Sept 11th**
- **Next Meeting: Scheduled for Monday, Sept 14th**