

Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4-27-06

Present: Janine Sisk; Aysegul Jezewski; Barbara Bergen; Daniel Flores

Meeting started 7:30 pm

Chairman: Aysegul Jezewski

Recorder: Daniel Flores

Aysegul started the meeting and choose to chair this committee. Daniel will be the recorder.

Committee discussed responsibilities and powers of the LSC. Janine and Aysegul are both Board members and will bring this topic before the rest of the HOA Board members.

A protocol for home owners to address lawn concerns needs to be further clarified/ developed. There is no record of how many homeowners have contacted NWCM and what lawn problems they may be calling for. They should fill out an application. NWCM has been very lax about a record of homeowner complaints on all topics.

There is a "NO PRUNING LIST" for your front lawn shrubs, if you don't want them trimmed. Most homeowners do not know about this. So far to get on this list, NWCM has to be notified and they in turn notify the landscape company.

There is a "NO SPRAYING LIST" for homeowners that don't want their lawns and planting beds sprayed or mulched.

The committee is skeptical about how much Northwest Community follows it. The committee will approach the Board to allow people to put up small signs reminding the landscapers of their wishes.

Committee reviewed past meeting minutes from the former landscape committee meetings. We got a history of previous projects that had been completed, like the drainage problem in Arbor Park. There are still some problem areas that still need to be addressed.

Barbara gave us a brief overview on trees, plants and ground grubs that are infesting the area. She is a registered master gardener. The committee would like to know what type of pesticides is being used to control pest/weeds on the lawns. There is some concern for pets and children.

There is no master plan for plants that are planted in our neighborhood with the City of Hillsboro. The committee thought this is unusual for our neighborhood not too have.

A walk through is scheduled for 10am on Sunday morning 4-29-06 by the committee members to inspect lawns, common areas that need shrubs, trees replaced, or sprucing up.

Reviewed and revisited the problem with the oak trees. The problem developed due to some of the trees getting too much water. This has caused some stately White Oregon Oak trees to get sick. An arborist was consulted last summer. A series of injections was started last summer for a few trees that are infected. There are a total of three injections with two more to go. There will be a follow-up. The problem is being caused by too much standing water or watering.

It seems that the trees in the other parks in our neighborhood are susceptible to the same fate. The trees infected are in the Arbor Park and across the street from the basket ball court area.

The committee decided to direct the landscape company to discontinue watering the areas where the trees are. This action may stop or arrest the fungus that is attacking these trees. These oak trees don't require watering during the dry season.

A suggestion has been made to landscape these areas with plant material that do well in the dry season. The cessation of watering these trees will turn the grass brown. This will be discussed further with the HOA Board. The committee thought it is in the best interest of the neighborhood to preserve the oak trees.

Rain sensors: Would like to see if this is a good option to have. It is expensive to direct the landscape company to turn off or on the sprinklers when we get spells of wet weather.

Recruitment of additional members to the LSC Janine will make an appeal for more members on the HOA website.

Replacement of dead shrubs in front yards. We discussed on how best to approach this problem. Should the homeowners replace dead shrubs with their own preference of shrubs?

Some homeowners do not have a preference for rhododendron bushes. This will be discussed further.

Currently the communication between the management company and the landscape committee is not working. Some homeowners have notified NWCM, to have their dead shrubs removed and replanted. In some instances there has been no action. Some homeowners don't know what to do.

We don't know at this point how much it will cost to replace sick or dead bushes and/or trees.

Next meeting is scheduled May 9th, Tuesday @7:30pm

Adjourned 10:30 pm

