

Ceres Glean Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes October 22, 2018

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Valerie Bueck
- 2, Quorum present
3. Minutes approved for Sept. 20, 1018, meeting
4. Questions and comments from audience.

Mike Hensley suggests that before bark next year, the moss control be put down by Russell's Landscape. Moss control is in the Russell's contract.

Old Business

1. Backyard access: Linda is in contact with Carmen from Russell's and to date has no names or address' of those that access needs to be cleared.
2. Decision on bark dust: We will wait until Spring to put down bark dust after pruning.
3. Gazebo Boxwood: Dian met with Neal Bell who is the community horticulture person from the Polk County State Extension Service. He indicated that it doesn't look like nutritional or water problems. It is speculation that it could be soil borne. He is doing further research.

He also indicated that the fir trees behind the garden fence are most probably dying or dead. These trees could be a danger to fall.

Discussion Followed: Result is that Dian will get a written report from Neal Bell and we will consider submitting to HOA for notification to the landowners in regard to the dead and dying trees.

Also, Neal Bell recommends for lawns in our area, that we use Willamette Valley grasses from providers in this area to get new sod. Other providers, like box stores, have many other kinds of grasses that do not do well in our area.

Valerie talked with Neal about the Crane Fly issue in lawns and he suggested that he might be winter snow mold.

New Business

1. Reports from sub committees

- a. Landscape Manual: Trish reports that a meeting is set for the 1st week of November and that she is checking with the City of Dallas for current regulations.

Discussion followed: Linda indicates that there should be a manual reference to street trees (now it is difficult to find in the manual) and should include availability and we may need to change the varieties. Julia will research kinds of street trees with the possibility of adding varieties to the manual. They will bring recommendations back to the Landscape Committee and Board for approval to insert into the manual. Gary Smith indicates that we could talk with Shade Trees Northwest for recommendations on similar trees to the Apollo which is hard to find.

Discussion regarding landscape lighting. It was decided to keep landscape lighting under the Landscape Committee and Gary Smith would continue as caretaker of the maintenance. He will report any additional repairs necessary to the Committee.

- b. Shrubs: The sub committee has had discussions with Darryl's Nursery regarding new shrubs in the common areas and will keep the committee informed. Russell's will not shear the shrubs in the common areas, they will do natural pruning. The Magnolia common area has been marked for reshaping and replacement of shrubs and grasses for low maintenance and drought tolerance.

Discussion regarding operating budget and reserve. Barbara indicates there is \$5,000 for 2019 operating budget for annual or decorative projects. Reserve amount for 2019 is \$5,000.

There is still a Reserve of \$10,000 for 2018, but any projects that these funds can be used for must be approved by the HOA. There is only one meeting in November left in 2018 for submissions. Any project to use these funds must be started and/or submitted to the HOA before year end.

Lots of discussion ensued on how to use these funds, like power to the gazebo or gazebo irrigation system. We need to check with the power company to see if there is a drop in the area for electricity, which could be the case since originally these lots were to be for new houses. Barbara submitted the name of Abiqua Irrigation to check with for pricing on irrigation.

b. Garden Cleanup

Thanks to all who helped, it looks much better. There were some suggestions. Gary suggested we get professionals to do the work rather than wearing our residents out. Barbara suggested that work party notices be put in the A & R's so all residents have a chance to volunteer their time. Landscape Committee will decide which way to go at a later date.

3. November and December Meetings

Trish will take over in November, since Valerie is going South. There will be no meeting in December.

The Committee will plan to present to the HOA in November Meeting our plan for use of the Reserve Funds and Budget for approval. Trish will do this within her report.

Meeting Adjourned
Marie Hargrave, Secretary