



## 2022 Year-End Report – Parks & Landscaping Committee (PLC)

### Members:

- Susan Wood, Chair
- Sheryl Forte
- Debbie Gan
- Lynn Huebner
- Joan Sauer
- Priscilla Harris, VCA Staff

### Responsibilities:

- The committee shall report regularly to the ARLC Chair.
- The Committee Chair, or their designate, shall make a report of the committee's action to the ARLC at its monthly meeting.
- The committee shall not request proposals or quotes directly from vendors without Board's approval.
- Review maintenance/upgrades/enhancements.
- Inspect all (buildings and grounds) and make recommendations for improvements or changes
- Meet as needed with contractors, landscapers, and management to discuss various landscape issues including completion and quality assurance.
- Complete special assignments as requested by the Board. Special assignments may include research and recommendations for specific improvements.
- Serve as the eye/ears of ALRC by reviewing the condition of landscaping, maintenance, safety and aesthetics of all common areas and association real property.
- Provide ideas on how to improve the esthetics of all common areas.
- Organize and coordinate self-help and volunteer efforts with Communication Committee.
- Participate in the development of RFP and contract specifications relating to landscaping.
- Participate and provide input into preferred and desired plants in front and back yards as well as common area.
- Participate in updating Design Guidelines and Builder Guidelines annually.

### 2022 Accomplishments:

- **Revised Architectural & Landscape Review Committee Guidelines and Plant List** – PLC worked in concert with ALRC to revise the Guidelines and Plant List, making it more user friendly, comply with current AZ State Statues, and updated current design trends.
- **Refurbish Rancho Vistoso Boulevard Monuments** – Proposed 3-phase plan to ALRC that was approved by the VCA board to redesign and refurbish the monuments on Rancho Vistoso Boulevard at Tangerine and Oracle. The goal is to save water by removing the turf and bring the areas up to our high Rancho Vistoso design standards. The first phase is select and a landscape architect to do the design, the second is invite landscape companies to bid on building and maintaining the monuments, and the final phase is construction which to be completed in 2023.

- **Addition of Moore Loop Park** – With this addition, there are now 11 owned and maintained parks within the VCA neighborhood park system. Amenities include: picnic ramadas, grass area, large and small dog parks, two play structures, and restrooms.
- **New Trees at Hohokam Park** - Several trees were dead or causing damage and needed to be removed. Replacing them with two Desert Willows and two Swan Hill Olives trees for added color and texture.
- **Water Conservation** - Worked with AAA Landscaping on water conservation at VCA maintained monuments and throughout the community.
- **New and Improved Park Furniture** - Another community park upgrade is replacement of old worn-out builder grade equipment in Big Wash, Lost Coyote Trail, Sunset, Wildlife & Woodshade Trails. Adding more trash receptacles while relocating some if they are still serviceable.

## 2023 Objectives:

- **Engage Community to Address Park Vandalism** – The VCA over \$5000 to repair or replace common area assets to do vandalism. Addressing vandalism in the community's common areas and parks; play equipment, restrooms, sail shades and turf, etc. continue to be a challenge. We appreciate residents' eyes and ears! Please report any vandalism to FSR or OVPD.
- **Execute 3-Phase Project to Refurbish Rancho Vistoso Boulevard Monuments** – Work with VCA staff to closely manage the 3-phase project. The renovation will remove non-functional turf to save 1.1 million gallons/year of irrigation water, providing a considerable monetary saving in water and maintenance costs. The refurbishment of the existing infrastructure will bring them back to our high community standards: signage, lighting, and landscaping.
- **Survey Neighborhood Entry Monuments** – Will conduct a survey to inventory conditions of VCA neighborhood entry monuments and signage. Will assess condition of each entry monument wall, signage damage, and any needed repairs.
- **Assess Irrigation Systems** – The VCA is responsible for the maintenance and conservation of water throughout the VCA owned parks and common areas. An accurate assessment of the irrigation systems and water consumption within our community is imperative. All areas should be inventoried and assessed for efficiency, possible leaks, and over watering. The PLC will develop a plan either to repair, or replace systems not meeting the VCA's water conservation goals.
- **Update Park Amenity Descriptions** – Work with Communications Committee to update all VCA community park information on the VCA website for both existing and newly added properties. Work with the Communication Committee to feature different parks in the monthly newsletter that listed their location, review park rules, hours available to membership, and amenities such as dog parks, sport courts and play equipment.
- **Assess Park Restroom and Ramada** — Assess the interior condition of the park restroom facilities, not just for sanitation but for esthetics, safety, and accessibility. Assess the condition of the exterior and interior of the park ramada for roof damage, pest damage, electrical and general esthetics. Make sure all facilities are up to VCA high standards regarding esthetics and safety. Reports will be forwarded to the VCA Board with findings and recommendations.