



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Vistoso Community Association

Parks and Landscaping Committee Minutes – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Susan Wood, Sheryl Forte, Joan Sauer, Lynn Huebner, and Debbie Gann

**FIRST SERVICE RESIDENTIAL:** Priscilla Harris, Assistant Community Manager

**Guests:** Dan Sturmon, VCA Board Secretary, and Hanna Delosantos with AAA Landscape

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:17 p.m.
- II. **ADOPT THE AGENDA**  
*A motion to modify the agenda to add the Guest Forum to the agenda. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Joan Sauer. Motion carried unanimously.*
- III. **APPROVAL OF January 5, 2022, MINUTES**  
*A motion to approve January 5, 2022, minutes was made by Debbie Gann and seconded by Joan Sauer. Motion carried unanimously.*
- IV. **Opening Remarks – Susan Wood**  
*Susan Wood provided context regarding the VCA Board of Directors motion made at the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, General Session Meeting. Disclosure statement regarding the VCA Code of Conduct for Open Meetings and including a 'Guest Forum' to future agendas. Susan Wood notified the Committee to reapply to volunteer for next year's term.*
- V. **Guest Forum**
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. **AAA Landscape Report**  
*AAA Landscape reported on an emergency tree removal in Hohokam Park, a large mesquite tree was uprooted during a storm. An ocotillo was removed from a median along RVB south of Moore Loop Rd, which was uprooted during a storm. AAA Landscape advised they plan to remove the stump remaining from an emergency tree removal off of Pebble Creek & Hidden Springs.*
  - B. **Siena Fountain Update & Entry Landscape**  
*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Debbie Gann to approve the first bid without metal art from AAA Landscape. The motion was withdrawn and amended by Susan Wood and Debbie Gann to have AAA Landscape provide the committee a revised bid for the Siena Entry Landscape, without metal art, the addition of a rip rap ribbon, to remove large boulders from the bid, and include labor costs with a balance breakdown. Motion carries.*
  - C. **Update – 13780 N High Mountain View Pl, Tree Removal Request**  
*The assistant manager provided an update to the Committee that the tree removal request on 13780 N High Mountain View Pl was approved at the January General Session Meeting on 1/26/2023. AAA Landscape shall advise the Assistant Manager when the tree removal is scheduled to notify the Owner directly.*

#### **D. Tangerine & Oracle Monuments**

##### **a) Signage**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Debbie Gann to upcycle the existing “Rancho Vistoso” Monument signage for both East and West Tangerine Monuments and the North and South Oracle Monuments, within reasonable costs and labor to restore the original monument signage. Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **b) Lighting**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Joan Sauer to revamp the existing lighting to draw the eye upward to the monument and to replace and relocate as needed while maintaining the original landscape monument lighting plan and design. Also, restore the lighting on the metal art elements. Motion Carries.*

##### **c) Plant Selection**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Joan Sauer to rejuvenate the monument landscape within the stone veneer to replace and relocate plants as needed while maintaining the existing monument landscape design. Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **d) Turf**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Debbie Gann to obtain two renderings for the monument landscape design, one design to remove the turf that incorporates hardscaping and metal art elements that do not require irrigation, with the design leading the eye upward toward the monument itself. As well as request a second design with an arched accent of artificial turf in front of the monument, which shall not become a dominant feature of the monument design that also incorporates hardscaping and metal art elements in the remaining space currently occupied by turf. Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **e) Hardscape – Riprap & Decorative Rock**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Sheryl Forte to reduce the base monument hardscaping within VCA property lines that do not contain utility easements. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Sheryl Forte to maintain and replenish the existing riprap and hardscaping elements and shall adjust the design as required for adequate water run-off use. A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Sheryl Forte to add an accent to endcap only the Oracle Monuments with a boulder and cacti cluster accent that does not require irrigation. Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **f) Elevation & Stonework**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Sheryl Forte to raise the elevation of the Tangerine Monuments with a stucco accent to raise the monument signage to the stuccoed wall addition with a cap of matching stone veneer located between the two metal pots and maintain the existing elevation and stonework for the Oracle Monuments. Motion carried unanimously.*

##### **g) Irrigation**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Sheryl Forte to replace and repair the existing irrigation as needed for the monument’s updated design. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Request For Additional Tennis Court Screens**

*The committee directed the Assistant Manager to obtain bids from Third Degree Recreation to replace the existing Hohokam Park tennis court screens and obtain bids for two additional screens.*

##### **B. Management Report**

*The Assistant Manager provided an update regarding various parks and landscaping-related matters that occurred in the month of January 2023, including the Bridal Veil Erosion Project and replacement fencing, median landscape damaged along RVB, common area trees cut down by an unknown party near Mount Bigelow Rd, Sunset Park asphalt project, and delays to the Wildlife Fencing Project.*

#### **II. Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Joan Sauer at approximately 5:47 p.m. Motion was carried unanimously.

#### **III. NEXT MEETING DATE** – Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 3:15 p.m.