



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Parks & Landscaping Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 3:15 PM

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

FIRST SERVICE RESIDENTIAL: Priscilla Harris, Assistant Community Manager

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm.

II. Adopt Agenda

A motion to amend the agenda to add a request for additional landscaping services behind 12316 N Mesquite Crest Way was made by Joan Sauer and seconded by Debbie Gann. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of March 7, 2024, Minutes

A motion to approve the March 7th, 2024, Minutes with corrections was made by Joan Sauer and seconded by Debbie Gann. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Opening Remarks – Susan Wood

Susan Wood, Chair, thanked the committee for serving during the last year. Susan Wood, reviewed goals for 2024 and accomplishments made in 2023. Susan Wood advised that this was their last meeting as chair and introduced Debbie Gann as the new Chair.

V. Guest Forum

No guests were present.

VI. Old Business

A. AAA Landscape Report

AAA Landscape reported that all irrigation timers are currently being adjusted accordingly to accommodate the rye grass until Bermuda is out of dormancy. Seasonal adjustments to the drip irrigation timers throughout VCA are in progress. The three-inch backflow is operating normally; this backflow caused leaks along RVB and Innovation Dr. The pre-emergent application was completed in VCA common areas. IPM is scheduled for a post-emergent application for turf weeds on April 25th. Vehicle damage occurred on the second median at the Safeway entrance. The vehicle was southbound, ran over the north end of the median, crossed RVB northbound lanes, and stopped on the northbound roadside, demolishing two TOV signs, a VCA vacancy sign, and one shrub. This was reported on March 20th.

B. Tree Removal Bid – Kylene Canyon Dr

A motion was made by Debbie Gann and seconded by Lynn Huebner to recommend AAA Landscape’s bid to remove the tree behind 12305 N Kylene Canyon Dr to the VCA Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community-Wide Update

The Assistant Community Manager provided an update on projects completed by AAA and approved the VCA Board of Directors. Salt Cedar stump removal is scheduled for Board review at the 4/25/2024 General Session Meeting. Woodburne stump removals are expected to start in mid-April, and Desert Fairways tree removal is pending scheduling in April. Brightview Landscape began gravel replacement in Hohokam and Wildlife Ridge Park.

D. Park Information Update – Joan Sauer

Joan Sauer provided an update on her current progress on the Park Amenity Table. Joan received Committee input on Park descriptions on the VCA Park webpage and reviewed adding an additional park to the guide. She will present her modifications at the May meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Wildlife Ridge Park – Baseball Field

The Parks & Landscaping Committee, reviewed the Wildlife Ridge Park baseball field and various repairs needed. The Committee will review the elements and propose funding for renovations in the 2025 Budget. The Committee directed the Assistant Manager to contact an authorized equipment vendor to obtain pricing.

B. 2024 Committee Goals

The Committee reviewed its goals for 2024, which included updating the neighborhood entry monument masonry and landscaping, repairing park water fountains, repairing park ramadas, inquiring about an upgrade to prevent sand pooling in the basin, and creating a long-term stump removal and tree replanting plan for VCA Common areas. The committee will also work with the ALRC to update the Builder’s Guidelines.

C. Additional Landscape Services Request – Mesquite Crest Way

A motion was made by Debbie Gann and seconded by Susan Wood to not recommend additional landscaping services behind 12316 N Mesquite Crest Way to the VCA Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously. A work order was submitted for trimming and landscaping to be performed as contracted for a VCA NAOS (Natural Area Open Space) common area, which is up to 3’ away from the wall and up to 10’ high.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Debbie Gann at approximately 4:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd, 2024, at 3:15 p.m.