



**Parks & Landscaping Committee Minutes**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 3:15 PM**

**MEMBERS' PRESENT:** Debbie Gann (Chair), Susan Wood, Lynn Huebner, Sheryl Forte, Joan Sauer and Lyle Vandermyde

**FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL:** Debbie Deptula, Assistant Community Manager; Barbara Daoust, General Manager; and Ishanayna Shelley, Community Standard Coordinator

**AAA Landscape:** Anthony Munoz and William Ybarra

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Adopt Agenda**

Two topics were added to the agenda under New Business: D. Mistletoe Tree Removal, and E. Tree Removal in Valley Vista Common Area.

*A motion to adopt the amended agenda was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Lynn Huebner. The motion carried unanimously.*

**III. Approval of February 5, 2026, Minutes**

*A motion was made by Joan Sauer and seconded by Lyle Vandermyde to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Opening Remarks**

Debbie Gann thanked the committee members for all their efforts.

**V. Guest Forum**

No guests were present.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. AAA Landscape Report**

Anthony Munzo from AAA Landscape reported on the following items:

- The turf is looking great, and the crew is keeping the park areas well-detailed. With rain in the forecast, we will be monitoring conditions closely. We will place the turf on a rain delay and remove it at the appropriate time.
- The irrigation mainline repairs at Innovation, near the hospital, have been completed. This included rerouting the main line around the Palo Verde tree and repairing the gate valve at the southeast corner of Innovation and RVB.
- On Innovation, just north of the traffic light for Ventana Medical, a 2-inch mainline leak was found and repaired on February 10th. The leak was caused by a fitting failure.

- The two irrigation leaks on Moore Road, located west of Eagleview and west of Woodburne, that were caused by the Wyverd's installation have been repaired.
- On February 12th, while Wyverd was trenching in the road for their line, they struck and damaged an irrigation sleeve and the mainline inside the sleeve at Desert Fairways and Salt Cedar. The sleeve was not hit at the end, but approximately 4 feet into the roadway. On February 13th, they struck another sleeve across the street at Catbird and Desert Fairways. In this instance, the sleeve, mainline, and valve wires were all damaged in a similar manner. Repairs have been scheduled. To avoid cutting the asphalt and dropping a new sleeve, the plan is to insert a 2-inch PVC pipe into the existing 4-inch sleeve to serve as the new sleeve, install a new mainline inside both sleeves, and repair the damaged valve wires.
- With the recent rain, we've seen the weeds really start to pop up. The crews have been staying on top of it by hand-pulling and hula-hoeing throughout the communities to help keep things under control until our spray tech can treat the neighborhoods. The seasonal pre-emergent is scheduled for the second week of March, and the turf pre-emergent is scheduled for March 3rd.
- A report of vandalism was received on the trail from Wildlife Park to Arrowsmith. After walking the trail, it was found that a 6-foot saguaro had been cut in half, along with three prickly pear cacti. Photos of the damage and the estimated cost of repairs were sent to the office.
- On February 16th, while Wyverd was potholing on the east side of Woodburne just south of Wanderlust, they struck a 2-inch mainline. Repairs have been scheduled and are expected to be completed by February 19th.

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Shade Trees for Hohokam Dog Park Area**

*A motion was made by Lyle Vandermyde and seconded by Sheryl Forte to recommend to the board approval of the AAA Landscape proposal to install four 24-inch Hybrid Mesquite by the Hohokam Dog Park in the amount of \$5,516.08. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **B. Vistoso Highlands Vehicle Damage Replacements**

*A motion was made by Susan Wood and seconded by Sheryl Forte to recommend approval to the board of the AAA Landscape proposal and to include the installation of a smaller 8 to 10 feet saguaro. Susan Wood withdrew the motion and moved to table the discussion until next month's meeting. Sheryl Forte seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **C. Neighborhood Parks & Monuments Refurbishment & Signage**

The Committee discussed working on refurbishing the Stone Terrace neighborhood monument. Management will solicit bids for refurbishing the signage, stonework and landscaping.

### **D. Rancho Vistoso Community Association— Mistletoe Removal**

*A motion was made by Joan Sauer and seconded by Susan Wood to recommend approval to the board of the AAA Landscape proposal to remove a tree infected with mistletoe located on Moore Rd in the natural open space in the amount of \$990.00. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **E. Valley Vista—Tree Removal**

*A motion was made by Lyle Vandermyde and seconded by Susan Wood to recommend approval to the board of the AAA Landscape proposal to remove a dead tree in Valley Vista common area located behind 705 E Kalalau Dr in the amount of \$690.00. The motion carried unanimously.*

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**VIII. Adjournment**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 3:15 PM.

*A motion was made by Lyle Vandermyde and seconded by Lynn Huebner to adjourn the meeting at 4:04 PM. Motion carried.*