

## **REGENCY AT PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE Meeting, February 6, 2020 at the Sloan Club Room**

**Present:** Len Nespoli, Alan Kirsch, Mary Tilger, Joe Malone, Howard Gordon, Bruce Sieving, Ralph Hoppel, Mary O'Connor, Nancy Carey, Vera Noll and Bob Derbyshire – Board Liaison

**Call to Order:** Len convened the meeting at 10:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bruce Sieving moved and Mary Tilger seconded, acceptance of the minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting; all in favor.

### **Budget Review:**

Tree related expenditures during 2019 were \$11,705 exceeding the \$10,000 budget by \$1,705. The costs were primarily attributable to the removal of 25 dead, dying and suspect trees. Also, new trees were planted at the entrances to Phases 1 & 4.

Flowers/Gardens expenditures aggregated approximately \$6,000 or \$2,000 under budget. Most of the costs related to planting flowers and the remediation of the 2 eyebrows in Phase 1. The cost of replanting the eyebrows would have been significantly higher if not for the committee members and volunteers who donated their time and labor.

The 2020 garden budget has been increased by \$4,500 to \$12,000. The additional budget funds have been designated for additional flowers and improvements to the entrances.

### **Opt-Out Forms:**

In the February newsletter, the Board provided notice to those residents wishing to opt-out of chemical treatments and or bush trimming to submit a 2020 opt-out form to the management office by the deadline of February 29<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to opt-out must submit a new form for 2020. The Committee agreed to send out a follow-up reminder in a RAP Flyer (sent out to the community on February 7<sup>th</sup>)

### **Spring Flowers:**

Outside Unlimited (OU) has submitted a proposal for planting spring flowers. The cost for planting 70 flats of flowers at the entrances and

clubhouses will be the same as last year. The committee decided not to solicit for bids from other vendors as the bids received last year were much higher than OU's bid. It was also suggested that more vibrant colored flowers be planted this year. The request will be made to OU.

### **Projects for 2020:**

The committee discussed projects to be completed during 2020 including: planting perennial flowers the Phase 1 eyebrows, planting shrubs on the berm between Egypt Rd and the Sloan pool in place of the Sycamore trees removed last fall and aerating and seeding the hill behind Hillview in Phase 4. These projects are in addition to improvements planned for the entrances. Other potential new projects were noted and will be discussed in future meetings.

### **Landscape Committee Organizational Changes:**

Bob Derbyshire began by stating that the Board approved 2 changes to the Landscape Policy. The second sentence of the first paragraph has been changed to "contracts will be managed by the Management Company and the Landscape Committee". Also, the paragraph referencing Pond Irrigation and Maintenance has been removed. Bob explained that CAMCO will assume sole responsibility for all services provided by contractors, including scheduling, complaints, invoice review and payment. Several of these tasks were previously performed by the Chairperson in conjunction with the office manager. Going forward, only the Community Business Manager, Kim Carnazza will deal with the contractors. Bob further stated that the LC subcommittees will be reorganized. The Tree and Garden Maintenance subcommittees will remain and the Lawn subcommittee will be replaced with a Special Projects subcommittee. The new subcommittee will develop plans and make recommendations to the Board on landscaping improvements within the community.

Len Nespoli announced his resignation as Chairperson. Len stated his intention to remain on the committee. Len further stated that the responsibilities and time commitment of the Chairperson position will be significantly reduced under the new organization as compared to prior years.

Members were asked to give consideration to volunteering for the Chairperson position and to decide on which committee(s) they wish to serve on. Nominees for the Chairperson position and subcommittee membership will be discussed at the next meeting. It was also agreed that to the extent possible, all 4 phases of the community should be represented on each of the subcommittees.

**Next Meeting:** TBD, members were asked to check their schedules so that the next meeting could be scheduled within the next few weeks.

There being no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Nespoli