Continental Ranch Community Association

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Landscape Committee Meeting – March 6, 2012

Minutes

I. Call to Order 7:00 P.M. at the Windmill Park Office

II.	Roll Call –	present:	Rob Palfreyman, Chair
			Nancy Lambert, Vice-Chair
			Connie DeLarge, Board Liaison
			Josh Seng, Management Representative

III. March 6, 2012 Meeting Agenda

- A. Motion to add item-V to the agenda (Lambert/DeLarge). Unanimously approved.
- **B.** Motion to approve March 6, 2012 Meeting Agenda as amended (Lambert/DeLarge). Unanimously approved.
- IV. February 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes approved by motion (DeLarge/Lambert).
- V. Committee Member Resignation It was reported that Kermit McCutchan had emailed his formal resignation from Landscape Committee to management on March 5th.

VI. Guests:

A. Don Mady Regional Manager of DLC Resources

- i. Mr. Mady presented monthly activity report.
- **ii.** Mr. Mady presented a requested proposal for adding granite to the area at the end of the Weather Hill cul-de-sac. By consent of the Committee, the Committee agreed that part of the approved granite replenishment amount should be applied in this location.
- iii. Mr. Mady presented additional proposals for topics on the agenda.

VII. Board Actions at February 16, 2012

A. Approved on Consent Agenda for Landscape – Accept proposals of DLC for flower replacements destroyed by javelinas at a cost of \$1,880.00; install 40 5-gallon Oleanders behind Community Center pool area at a cost not to exceed \$1,255.00.

B. Landscape Committee

- i. PLANTINGS AT PHOBOS DRIVE TOT LOT: MOTION made/seconded (Bracken/DeLarge) to accept proposal of DLC for Oleanders, Lantanas, Little Johns and Penstemons to include retrofit of irrigation system where needed and restore ground within work areas at the Phobos Drive tot lot, at a cost not to exceed \$1,560.00, within budget. Five affirmative votes; one negative vote (Pope). Motion carried.
- **ii. PLANTINGS AT MOUNTAIN SKY/VERIDIAN DRIVE TOT LOT:** MOTION made/seconded (Bracken/DeLarge) to accept proposal of DLC for Oleanders, Little Johns, Valentines, Emus to include retrofit of irrigation system where needed and restore ground within work areas at the Pocket Park, W. Mountain Sky Drive, at a cost not to exceed \$2,167.00, within budget. Unanimously approved.
- iii. GRANITE REPLENISHMENT, COACHLINE BLVD: \$9,800.00 remains in the Reserve Budget, and committee recommends utilizing these funds for granite replenishment along the eastern roadside of Coachline Boulevard, extending along parcels 40, 42 and 43, with coverage to begin at the south end of the location and extend as far north as the amount purchased will allow. MOTION made/seconded (DeLarge/Bracken) to accept DLC's proposal to supply and install 163 total tons of granite between curb and homeowners walls along Coachline in parcels 40, 42, 43, at a cost not to exceed \$9,800.00 from the Reserve Budget. Unanimously approved.

VIII. Management Report

- A. Decrepit Palo Verde Mr. Seng reported that a Palo Verde Tree on Coachline Blvd, near Deimos Dr, was noted as in poor condition. According to tree crew supervisor, the tree is expected to eventually fail. The Committee requested a proposal from DLC Resources to remove the tree. The Committee members will review the area to assess how replacement should be handled.
- **B.** Mesquite Tree Close Proximity to Masonry Wall Mr. Seng reported that the trunk of a Mesquite Tree on Twin Peaks Road was growing within a few inches of a masonry wall, possibly being a liability to the structure of the wall. The Committee requested a proposal from DLC Resources to remove the tree. The Committee members will review the area to assess how replacement should be handled.
- **C. Prickly Pear Cactus Affected by Pack Rat Nest** Mr. Seng reported that the extermination company approved by the Board to eradicate the rats and remove the nest from the cacti, had notified him that the nest could not be removed from one of the prickly pear cacti without removing the entire cactus. The Committee elected to take no action since the area was quite full with other cacti already.
- **D.** Trichocereus Cactus at Twin Peaks Monument Mr. Seng reported that the specimen cactus at this monument was yellowing. Mr. Palfreyman stated, in agreement with Mr. Mady, that the cactus was receiving too much water and should be relocated for it to survive. By consent of the Committee, DLC Resources will relocate the cactus.

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. Mesquite Tree Next to Windmill Pool by Commercial Property Building Postponed
- **B. Plant Casualty Count Report –** DLC Resources stated that the report would be ready for presentation at next month's meeting; postponed.
- **C.** Windmill Turf Sycamores The Committee requested DLC Resources to bring proposals separating the removal from the install of the new trees; postponed.
- D. Twin Peaks Roadway In Front of New Retail Section DLC Resources presented the proposal as requested by the Committee for installing plants along the unfinished section of roadway on Twin Peaks Rd near the new retail strip. Motion to recommend to the Board to accept the proposal from DLC Resources for plantings & granite on the south side of Twin Peaks Road, just east of Walgreens, at a cost NTE \$4,615 (Lambert/DeLarge). Unanimously approved.
- E. Insecticides The Committee discussed the application of insecticide to certain landscape shrubs. DLC Resources presented their findings that the insecticide was reported by the manufacturer to take up to 60 days to be affective. Motion to recommend to the Board to accept the proposal from DLC Resources for application of insecticide to all Yellow Bells, Orange Jubilees, Texas Mountain Laurels, as well as mite control on select little johns at a cost NTE \$592 (Lambert/DeLarge). Discussion ensued about needing to act quickly before pests become a problem. Unanimously approved.
- F. Turf Transition Mr. Mady of DLC Resources presented their plan to use Revolver herbicide to kill back the winter rye grass during the transition to bermuda, at no additional cost to CRCA. Mr. Mady stated that this would be done to help allow the bermuda grass to grow in more fully by not competing with the rye grass.

X. New Business

A. Condition of Oaks along Coachline – Mr. Seng reported that in response to concerns over the appearance of many of the Oak Trees along Coachline Blvd, he contacted the arborist for the U of A Cooperative Extension, who directed him to review the trees very closely and look for new growth. The arborist had visited CRCA last year, and from her observation she speculated that the Oaks were shedding their old leaves which had grown under stressed conditions prior to the irrigation being upgraded. Mr. Seng presented photos showing his findings that most of the worst

looking Oaks did in deed have lots of new tiny leaves, indicating that the arborist was probably correct. Close monitoring of the health of the trees will continue over the upcoming weeks.

- **B.** Wade Road Median Mr. Seng reported that he also spoken with the U of A Coop Extension about the ongoing issues that were experienced with new plantings in the median area of the Wade Road entry. The U of A specialist speculated that it was due to poor soils and recommend a soils analysis. Mr. Mady of DLC Resources stated that they soil samples had been sent in for analysis and were expected back within a day or two. Motion to recommend to the Board to accept the proposal from DLC Resources for amending the soils at the Wade Road median and installing 22 new plants at a cost NTE \$2,653 (Lambert/DeLarge). Unanimously approved.
- **C.** Windmill Basin Slope Stabilization The Committee discussed possible solutions, noting granite as the most appealing option. A proposal was requested from DLC Resources for lining both sides of the basin with granite.
- XI. Next meeting date <u>April 3, 2012</u> at 7:00 P.M. at the Windmill Park Office.

XII. Meeting adjourned by motion at 8:40 P.M. (Lambert/Palfreyman)

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Seng HOA Management Solutions