

Continental Ranch Community Association

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Landscape Committee Meeting – April 1, 2024

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order 6:30 P.M. at the Windmill Park Office**
- II. **Roll Call:**
 - Present:* **Doug Childress (Chairperson)**
Alexis Stern
Larry Lemieux
Clement DeLarge (Board Liaison)
Ashley Boykin (Mgmt. Representative)
 - Excused:* **Patrick Chamblee**
- III. **Approval of April 1, 2024 Meeting Agenda** approved by motion (Lemieux/Stern).
- IV. **Approval of March 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes** approved by motion (Lemieux/Stern).
- V. **Guests:**
 - a. **AAA Landscape:** Ruben Arrieta, Director of Landscape Management for AAA Landscape, introduced himself and explained that he will be filling John Mancine's role until the right replacement can be found; provided monthly status report; noted weeds in common areas are being sprayed with post-emergent; advised the faulty valve replacement project will have a scheduled start date before the end of the week; and reported that the new storage facility construction broke the mainline feeding into both Silverbell main monuments and they are currently investigating.
- VI. **Year to Date Budget Review:** the committee reviewed expenses to date against the annual budget and noted that \$10k was saved on the reduced annual upper tree pruning project and so far, expenses are tracking under budget. It was noted that some costs like irrigation repairs and storm cleanup happen toward the end of the year and can be expected to go up.
- VII. **Board Actions:** At their March 26, 2024, meeting, the Board discussed wanting to see a plan to eliminate all turfgrass at the Silverbell main monuments.
- VIII. **Management Report:**

Mr. Childress noted the committee resignation for Mr. Bill Cicala and thanked him for his service on the Landscape Committee; AAA Landscape was a big help for the annual Easter Egg Hunt the past weekend and donated 20 bags of ice and 40 cases of water to the event; the additional proposal for the erosion at Long Creek Drive and Idle Wild Drive is in progress still; a fallen saguaro in Parcel 69, Sonoran Vista, was removed by Brijer Resources; and noted AAA Landscape to bring backflow covers into storage in April.

Ms. Boykin shared a homeowner request to remove one mesquite tree that's in a common area behind their house in the Sonoran Vista subdivision due to dripping sap on their wall and backyard pavers. Brijer Resources submitted a quote to remove and stump grind for \$900.00. The committee discussed the request and agreed to postpone to the next month's meeting so Mr. Lemieux can get an updated picture of the tree.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Turf at Silverbell/Coachline Main Monuments** – the committee discussed the Board's feedback of not wanting any grass at the Silverbell main monuments. **MOTION (Childress/Stern)** to postpone and put together information on how much water their proposition will save and show other ways in which water can be reduced throughout the community.
- b. **Coachline Tree Replacements: MOTION (Childress/Lemieux)** to recommend to the Board the proposal from AAA Landscape to install 8 trees along Coachline Blvd., NTE \$3,376.00. Unanimously approved.

X. New Business: No new business.

XI. Next meeting date: May 6, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at the Windmill Park Office.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.