

Continental Ranch Community Association

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Landscape Committee Meeting – June 3, 2024

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order 6:28 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)
J.J. Velarde (Mgmt. Representative)
 - Excused:* **Patrick Chamblee**
- III. **Approval of June 3, 2024 Meeting Agenda** approved by motion (Stern/Lemieux).
- IV. **Approval of May 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes** approved by motion (Stern/Lemieux).
- V. **Guests:**
 - a. **AAA Landscape:** Ruben Arrieta, Director of Landscape Management for AAA Landscape, and Mr. Humberto, Account Manager for CRCA's landscape maintenance, were in attendance; Mr. Valencia provided monthly status report; noted the turf was aerated, pre-emergent application has begun, vinca flowers installed at all flowerbeds, locks and hasps added to all irrigation controllers, and advised they now have a full-time irrigation technician onsite for Continental Ranch. Mr. Arrieta and Mr. Valencia were excused from the meeting after they provided their report.
 - b. **Board of Directors:** Ms. Peggy Bracken, President; Mr. Bill Cicala, 1st Vice-President; Ms. Connie DeLarge, 2nd Vice-President; Mr. Tim Weiler, Secretary; Mr. Fred Fisher, Treasurer; Mr. Brandt Smith, Director at Large; and Mr. Clement DeLarge, Director at Large were all in attendance.
- VI. **Management Report:** Ms. Boykin reported that AAA Landscape completed the annual upper tree pruning for the two palm trees at Windmill Park, Brijer Resources is scheduled to remove the saguaro from behind Parcel 69/Sonoran Vista on June 14th as approved by the committee and Board, DG replenish inside Parcel 3/River's Edge being scheduled with AAA Landscape, Mr. Arrieta and Mr. Valencia with AAA Landscape recommend a gradual weaning of irrigation to the Swan Hill olive trees bordering the bottom of the Windmill Park field rather than a full shut off, and provided an estimate from AAA Landscape to replace 22 sprinkler heads at the Silverbell main monuments. **MOTION (Lemieux/Childress)** to recommend the approval of the estimate from AAA Landscape to replace 22 sprinkler heads at the Silverbell main monuments, NTE \$556.89. Unanimously approved.

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- VII. **Year to Date Budget Review:** the year-to-date budget was reviewed and explanation of the budget worksheet provided to the board.

- VIII. **Board Actions:** At their May 21, 2024, meeting, the Board approved the proposal from Brijer Resources to remove one saguaro from a common area on the west side of Parcel 69/Sonoran Vista and approved a proposal from AAA Landscape to replenish decomposed granite for Parcel 3/River's Edge interior common areas with the 2% contract credit applied.

- IX. **Unfinished Business:** None.

- X. **New Business:**
 - a. **Silverbell Main Monuments Renovation Presentation:** Mr. Lemieux presented information pertaining to the task of reducing water consumption at the Silverbell main monuments. Information included assumptions of what is known and unknown, estimated annual water usage and annual cost of water, other community factors that have increased water usage over the years, and affirmed that water usage and costs should be addressed through a multifactorial approach. Discussion ensued between the committee and Board members on various other means of reducing water, the cost-benefit of reducing half of the turf versus all of the turf, and Mr. Smith shared a new rebate from Tucson Water being offered for removing turf. Mr. Fisher recommended putting together a spreadsheet to compare different water reduction initiatives showing current costs against potential savings. The option of artificial turf was brought up, but the committee cited concerns such as forever chemicals, and costs of continued maintenance.

- XI. **Next meeting date: July 1, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at the Windmill Park Office.**

- XII. **Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.**