

Landscape Committee Meeting January 9, 2019

Committee members excused J. Stone & Board member, J. Schultz guest.

Bet, Pam & Joe reported on their meeting with Serpico to review next years contract (Apr 1-Mar 31). The contract price will remain the same for 2019. Discussion was held regarding the 10' perimeter behind the downhill houses. It is supposed to be tended to every 5 weeks. There was discussion about the ability of the hillside soil to support plantings. Serpico will do a soil test to determine the composition of the soil. The major discussion was about the new satellite water controller C to be installed in 2019 (\$1,980.). At this time we are still not clear if all of the popup sprinkler heads need to be replaced with drip lines for the new controller to work or if it will work with the current popups. We have previously changed from drip to popup. The new controller cost will come out of the capital reserves budget.

Joe will contact Serpico for clarification on the water distribution system.

The new contract will be approved with clarification of the section on herbicide usage.

After the meeting the committee received several bids from Serpico for projects. At this time all are on hold.

Trees

Akiko reported on the trimming of the tree on Hiller Drive as requested by the neighbor at 39 Binnacle Hill. The homeowner was advised that the tree would not be cut as much as he wanted, but as much as the Serpico arborist deemed safe for the health of the tree. The cost (\$352.) of the tree trimming will be split 50-50 with the homeowner.

The removal of the first batch of cherry trees on Starview Dr will begin in early February. Betsy & Pam will meet to draft a letter to notify homeowners of the planned tree removal. After the trees are removed, the committee members will meet with the arborist and plant people from Serpico to design a replacement plan.

Serpico will be contacted to determine the need for an insect control treatment and/or deep root fertilization or are these treatments now part of the fertigation system.

Also a location will be found to plant the Japanese maple in the large pot along side 53 Starview Dr.

Plants

At this time there are no new requests for service. Karen & Bet will schedule a Serpico walk through later this month.

Joe raised a question about free compost from EBMUD. After discussion it was determined that it would not work for HHV because we have no place to dump the compost, and the work involved in removing mulch to install the compost would be too costly.

Next meeting Feb 13th.

Submitted P.Meeds