

Landscape Committee Meeting April 10, 2019

Committee members welcomed new member, Susie Neffinger.
Also Martin Matarrese, present as guest.

Martin presented information regarding using goats for fire prevention. At this time there is no fire prevention district for the Oakland hills area. Martin currently works with Goats R Us out of Dixon, CA to maintain the Oakland city parklands. He did a limited walk around HHV last week with Bob S. In June the goats will be across the freeway clearing the area around the ball field.

A contract would be a minimum of 10 acres and about 700 goats. The price would be \$400. per acre.

Martin will prepare a bid for us by May 1st.

Plants

At this time we have no Serpico crew chief. Rafael is still our contact at this time. New plants will be installed beginning Friday. Lots of cotoneaster will be removed and replaced by lantana. Additional rock borders will be installed at a later time. After the new plants are planted additional mulch will be installed.

The fire inspection recommended the gnarly old Wisteria vines over some front doors be removed after blooming. Homeowners will be asked if they want to have a new vine installed. Some neighbors do not like the mess the vines make at their front door.

One request for service was received. A piece of plastic was removed from a tree on Hiller Dr

Trees

Susie, Pam, and Judy will do a tree walk on Starview Dr. to review the tree removal and replacement plan.

Budget

Akiko reported that the new budget is \$22,400.

Discussion followed regarding the maintenance of the sprinkler system and water usage. We all agreed that we have no knowledge of how the sprinkler system works and don't really want to take it on. The suggestion was made that we contact Joe Schultz to see if he would be interested in working with the 'Serpico waterman, Jose' to track repairs and costs, and the water bills.

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