

Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 11, 2023

Committee Attendees: Chuck McKinney (Board Liaison), Connie Milne (Chair), Jim Blohm, Bonnie Kissell, Forrest Chappell, Pat Perkins, Melony Mack

Absent: Paul Limauro

Meeting Notes:

1. Meeting Minutes from 6/13 were approved. Motion made by Jim, seconded by Chuck.
2. Chuck informed the Committee that he has made a decision not to continue with his Board position for an additional term. Therefore, he will no longer be able to serve as our Board Liaison once the new member(s) are elected. The Committee thanked Chuck for his years of service and support.
3. Irrigation
 - a. Traffic Circle
 - i. The repairs for the traffic circle irrigation system was quoted at approximately \$7,000. The Board approved by special email vote and the work has been completed. The traffic circle irrigation is now operational. This includes a portion of Wilderness Drive.
 - b. Future Phases
 - i. The next phase would be Legendary Drive. The best source of water is the pond in front of Browningstone closest to Browning Drive. A control box would need to be placed in close proximity to that pond. The property where the pond is located is not owned by the community. Therefore, a source of water continues to be a challenge for this next phase. We will continue to research options.
4. Sidewalk Extension Project
 - a. The City's assigned Project Manager has been in touch with both Chuck and Connie. He provided a preliminary sketch of where the sidewalk will be located (on the exit side of the Signature at the main entrance. A more detailed architectural drawing will be provided when available. The location will likely require removal of one of our brick columns on the exit side of the main entrance.

5. Traffic Circle Project

- a. The Proposals from James River, USL, and, and Steadman Outdoor Services will be provided to the Board in preparation for the July 19 meeting. The Committee has recommended selection of proposals from JR including the outer ring, the inner brick wall ring, and a bundled discount. The center focal point will be addressed at the September Board Meeting.
- b. Focal Point (Bricked area where dolphin is currently located.)
 - i. We continue to look at several options for the focal point, both long and short term. Below is a recap of each option
 1. Future Fountain: We continue to consider a long-term plan to place a fountain as the focal point in the circle. There is currently no power in the traffic circle. We had hoped to align with the Recreation Committee project to obtain power at a reasonable price. However, that Committee may decide to move the pickleball court closer to Signature Drive due to concern with the noise for homeowners in Arthur Park. This will negate the need for a parking lot and the associated power to light the parking area. Therefore, our tentative plan to align with the pickleball project to install power in the traffic circle may no longer be a viable option. We'll continue to pursue the power requirement.
 2. Placement of a 4-5 foot shrub to replace the dolphin: As a short term goal for replacement of the dolphin, we are considering a sizable shrub. Tom Conway will do some more investigation regarding the existing concrete footer to determine if/how we might install a shrub without removing the footer due to the cost.
 3. Refurbishment of the dolphin: The dolphin is in poor repair so, if left in the circle at least temporarily, it would need to be refurbished. If removed, it will likely be relocated to the Village Hall pool area so refurbishment will still be required. We are waiting for design proposals and cost estimates for the refurbishment.

c. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8 at 1:30pm

Open Action Items:

Description	Owner(s)	Target Date	Notes/Status
Obtain designs and cost estimates for dolphin repair	Connie	8/31/23	
Research water sources for Legendary Drive	Committee		
Repair sidewalk hazards	Paul	12/31/24	In progress
Re-Landscape Main Entrance		Hold - Spring 2023	On hold due to WN Rd expansion project

Closed/Complete Action Items

Description	Owner(s)	Target Date	Notes/Status
Contact Tom Conway regarding revisions	Connie	6/30/23	
Make all Landscape Committee materials available to the WN community through the resident website	Connie/George	6/5/20	Complete
Submit Irrigation and Re-Landscape RFPs to Board for review and approval	Chuck	6/8/20	Complete
Obtain previous landscape RFPs and responses from Associa	Connie	6/5/20	Complete
Rosecrest Pond contract. Confirm renewal.	Chuck and Aquatic Resources, Steve Weekly 757-375-9086	6/2/20	Complete
Provide update to residents via eNews	Chuck	7/15/20	Connie is providing eNews updates
Send letter to Board regarding landscape contract non-performance	HOA Board/Chuck	7/30/20	Complete -Letter sent
Park Bench Painting.	Chuck	8/31/20	Complete – 4 benches painted
Meet with George to review 2021 landscape budget	Chuck	8/18/20	
RFP for 2021 Landscape contract	Chuck/Board/Brett	8/31/20	RFP has been prepared and sent to Community Group.

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Monitor incomplete tasks – landscape vendor	Chuck	Ongoing	Vendor management ongoing
Obtain irrigation schematics	Chuck	10/30/20	Cancelled
Obtain assistance from WC Capital to repair existing pump stations.	Chuck	11/15/20	No response from WCC.
Tree replacements	Debra	11/20	Complete
Schedule meetings with landscape contractors	Chuck	11/19/20	Meetings held on 11/20
Submit DeFord quote to Board	Chuck	3/15/21	For 3/17 Board Meeting agenda
Tree Pruning	Paul	5/31/21	City completed large loop in ES and crepe myrtles on Cadence.
Obtain quotes for sidewalk extension from VH to WN Rd	Sub-Committee (Forrest, Jim, Roe, Bonnie)	05/01/21	Quotes received
Sidewalk, curbs, and street center islands - cleaning.	Associa	4/30/21	Cleaned on 5/27
Finalize irrigation proposals	Chuck	6/30/21	CIS and Beach proposals received
Submit irrigation quotes to board	Chuck	6/30/21	Emailed both quotes to Hugh
Pursue cost of additional mowing	Chuck/Connie	6/30/21	Quote received
Schedule meeting to develop RFP for main entrance landscape redesign	Connie	7/30/21	Connie, Roe, Bonnie
Determine leeway for finances without Board approval	Connie	7/30/21	Under \$1K - Brett \$1K – \$2K – Hugh Over \$2K – Board with 2+ bids
Submit Rosecrest pond quote for grass & weed removal to board for approval	Chuck	6/30/21	Received 6/21 from US Lawns Hugh Approved and work completed
Obtain bids for tree removal behind Rosecrest pond and main entrance pond	Forrest	8/31/21	Cancel. City indicates this is not required.
Research landscape design firms for Main Entrance RFP	Judy and Paul	8/26/21	
Obtain quote from Tree Works for removal of tree in pool area	Chuck	8/26/21	

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Replace no trespassing sign, if required	Connie	7/30/21	Waiting for response from Brett (Associa)
Submit quotes for removal of roses at main entrance to Brett for Board approval	Connie	7/30/21	Two bids received. Over \$2K so Board needs to approve
Obtain second quote from Alex for Hawthorn replacement in pool area	Chuck	8/1/21	
Request revised quote for shrub replacement at VH	Connie	8/1/21	Email to Jason on 7/26
Send quote from USL to Brett (Hugh) for ligustrums at Rosecrest Pond	Chuck	9/1/21	
Finalize quote for crisis management of main entrance pond and submit to Hugh for approval.	Chuck	9/1/21	
Submit 2022 budget plan to Board	Chuck	9/1/21	
Research pond maintenance companies	Forrest/Chuck		Contract signed 2/1/21
Finalize scope of work for fountain proposals (Rosecrest and 2 main entrance)	Paul/Forrest	3/17/22	Proposals finalized and provided to Committee for review
2 trees in ES island	Connie/Brett	2/17/22	Request submitted to City on 1/14/22 to remove trees. Request Denied
Proposals for three fountain	Chuck/Forrest	6/1/22	All 3 proposals have been received
Sidewalk extension at main entrance	John, Forrest, Paul & Tom Luckman	5/1/22	Requesting City of VA Beach complete this project at the time of the WN Road project.
Replace tree in traffic circle	Connie/Brett		Installed
Obtain status of proposals from USL and James River for monument designs	Conne		Both have been contacted. JR due back on 6/3.

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Landscape Re-design for monument areas	Bonnie, Roe, Connie, Jim	7/1/22	Proposals received and recommendation made to the Board
Sidewalk Drainage	Committee	7/1/22	Steadman Outdoor completed the 5 channels along Cadence and Legendary
Send Monument proposals to Board		7/10/22	Sent to Brett for August Board Meeting
Send Fountain Proposals to the Bo		7/10/22	Sent to Brett for August Board Meeting
Contact Solitude to separate pond and fountain maintenance	Connie	8/9/22	
Publish membership drive eNews article	Connie	8/9/22	
RFP for 2023 Landscape Services	Committee	8/17/22	RFP approved and submitted to six vendors.
Finalize Landscape Committee Charter	Connie/Brett	10/31/22	Brett is researching
Complete pond and fountain service contract comparison and send to Committee	Connie	9/20/22	Sent to Committee
Quotes for Azalea Garden/Forest area at Main Entrance	Connie	10/30/22	Complete walkthroughs and Obtain quotes from James River and USL
Request Brett send non-renewal letter to USL	Connie	9/21/22	Email sent to Brett
Follow-up with vendors for 2023 landscape proposals due by 10/1	Connie/Brett	9/20/22	Connie emailed Brett to follow-up with all vendors.
Update Member Contact List	Connie	9/30/22	In progress
Finalize 2023 Budget	Connie/Chuck	10/11/22	Budget reviewed with Committee on 9/13. Updated and sent to Committee. Finalize at 10/11 mtg.
DeFord Property – drainage issues	Chuck	11/1/22	Board voted that no additional drainage is required at this time.
Contact SOS for additional drainage trenches	Connie	10/31/22	Complete

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Prepare comparison of landscape proposals	Paul	10/18/22	
Irrigation, Second Phase	Connie	12/31/22	Meet with Marc Tefft to review requirements.
Ask Solitude to change pond contract to 1 visit per month	Connie	10/18/22	Email sent to Kim
Submit items to the Board for January mtg	Connie		Pond/Fountain Maintenance. Irrigation phases and water issue. Removal of wax myrtles.
Create requirements doc for traffic circle project	Connie	2/28/23	Review with Committee and send to vendors.
Finalize pool area quote from USL and submit 2 proposals to the Board for March mtg	Connie/Jason	3/7	Connie submitted to the Board on 3/7
Obtain quotes for Security boxes for power panels for	Connie/Chuck	3/31/23	Included in irrigation proposal from CIS
Research local artists for traffic circle project	Jim	3/31/23	Cancelled
Obtain pricing for fountain in the traffic circle	Connie/Subcommittee	3/31/23	Meeting with Kim from Solitude completed. Too costly for scope of our project.
Prepare for March Board Meeting respective to irrigation phase 2	Chuck/Connie		Meeting with Marc Tefft completed. Board received proposal
Contact vendors for meetings to begin traffic circle proposals	Connie	3/31/23	In progress
Schedule meetings for review of traffic circle proposals	Connie	5/9/23	
Reset timers on 2 fountains	Chuck	4/15/23	
Send spreadsheet to Committee	Connie	4/12/23	
Research local sculpture and wind structures	Jim	5/31/23	In progress

