

# LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

## Minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse

**Attendance:**

- **Members Present:** Ken Downing, Committee Chairmen, John Woodard, Secretary, Alicia Galante, Al Avitabile, Stan Gerwing, Mike McGlon.
- **Members Absent:** Diana Coomer, Carol Suydam, Barbara Moccia
- **Others:** John Fuller, Chairman, Communications Committee, Ron McEwan, POA Board Member & three Community Owners.

**Old Business:**

- **Weed Management:** Discussed the status of the level of weed intrusion on the property, as previously reported to the Property Manager & Green Heron. To date, there has been no action in relationship to this issue. Committee Chairman informed the group that he has been informed that this issue will not be addressed until all of the roof replacements are completed. *See New Business for further information.*
- **Landscaping Schedules.** At the last meeting, the committee addressed the need for the various landscaping “contract” schedules to be better communicated to the community as a whole. To date there has been no action on this issue. One community member in attendance has requested numerous times the scheduling of lawn pesticide applications in her area, but has not received any satisfactory response. Whenever lawn pesticide applications are done, small notices are placed in the grass areas, but no one could remember when the last time they were seen. *See New Business for further information.*
- **Sod Replacement:** As discussed at the last meeting, there are still areas of “dead grass”, such as along Bell Tower Blvd, near the Clubhouse. The Committee requested information on when these last areas are going to be addressed. To date, no information has been received concerning any schedule on replacement. It appears that this concern will only be addressed within a “greater” plan.

**New Business:**

- **Landscaping Maintenance:** A suggestion was made that the Committee should petition the Board for the authority to appoint a member of the committee to provide additional oversight. The general response to this suggestion was (besides other associated issues) was that the community current pays for this oversight with the responsibility resting with the Property Manager. Again, the Committee reiterated that Green Heron must be held accountable for all aspects of the maintenance contract.
- **Recommendations Made:**
  - **Weed Maintenance:** Recommend that weed maintenance, suspended during roof replacement, proceed in all areas of the community where roof replacement has been completed.
  - **Master Plan:** Recommend committee secure a copy of or access to the “Master Landscaping Plan”. The Chairman shall proceed to contact the POA Landscape Committee Liaison for resolution.
  - **Landscaping Contract:** Motion was made, seconded & passed by a unanimous voice vote that the Board secure competitive bids including Green Heron for grounds maintenance for the new term. Such bids should be more inclusive / comprehensive as opposed to a base contract plus addition services at additional costs.
  - **Communications:** Concerning community member’s comments in reference to the scheduling of the various services under the landscaping contract, such as weed control, pesticide applications, vegetation trimming, a recommendation is made to accept John Fuller’s (Communications Chairman) idea that incorporating the schedules into the community calendar would be beneficial to the community.
- **Other:** The Agenda included two other items concerning irrigation & new plantings, which did not receive any discussion at this meeting.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment**

- **Next Meeting Date:** September 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Clubhouse.
- **Adjournment Time:** Meeting was concluded at 3:45 PM