

Landscape Advisory Committee February and March 2024 Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 8: Nick Nixon, Govind Shah, David Foster, Erna Markwith

Tuesday, February 15: Nahid McCormick, Mike Chobotov, Rosaleen Darrington, Erna Markwith

Thursday, March 8: Nahid McCormick, Mike Chobotov, Govind Shah, Rosaleen Darrington, Erna

- A. The committee will examine each landscaping section, including interior and fire suppression zones, upon Andre's completion of the area.
 - a. See attached maps and landscape standards.
 - b. The crew completed the yellow Fire Suppression Zone on February 8.
 - c. The interior red and blue areas were also completed on February 8.
 - d. Work on the blue Fire Suppression Zone started on February 12.
 - e. Note that the inclement weather affected landscaping maintenance.
 - f. Reports are due by midnight on the third Sunday of each month.
 - g. Homeowners, e.g. Adam on Oceano, are complementing landscape improvements.
- B. 2024 landscape priorities:
 - a. Redirecting sprinklers to avoid spraying the streets
 - b. Irrigation upgrade and repair.
 - c. Widen tree well negative spaces.
 - d. Redirecting sprinklers away from trees
 - e. Filling in bare spots.
 - i. Color such as bougainvillea, vinca, osteospermum, convolvulus?
 - ii. Groundcover such as carpet carissa?
 - iii. Other thoughts? Committee members will email ideas.
- C. Nick suggested fire suppression research,
 - a. AB 1516 and AB 3074
 - b. LAC to work with the Fire Suppression Information Committee (FSIC)
- D. Trees:
 - a. Canopies, e.g. 3200 - 3204 Pacifica are too low. Trucks are hitting them.
 - b. Not balanced on interior sides. Raise the entire circumferences to fifteen feet.
 - c. Some homeowners' palms are infested. Ask Melissa to notify owners of Canary palms when HOA Canary palms are sprayed. Nick will provide a list.
 - d. Sycamores to be trimmed in the spring when leafing out, e.g. March
 - e. Committee evaluated tree/sidewalk issues.
 - f. Street trees should be removed only where there is no other alternative.
- E. Research options to prevent bees from entering the irrigation boxes
 - a. Install plugs with rings.
 - b. Fill openings with silicone.
 - c. Relocate bees.
- F. Remind Andre to:
 - a. Increase bare/negative spaces around tree trunks,
 - b. Maintain the five-foot fire suppression bare clearance from homeowners' fences.
 - c. Raise the tree canopies.
 - d. Consider optics (appearances), and
 - e. Use the community park or trucks for lunch and other breaks.
 - f. Park trucks in proper locations.

7. The committee agreed to meet at 2:00 on the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 4.