

## **MINUTES OF THE MSOA LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 17, 2015**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Members in attendance: Marilyn Bagdonas, Joanne Block, Steve Dodd, Bob Klenk, Mary Ann and Jim Lemke, Carol Scott and MSOA liaison Bill Clay**

**-The committee meeting was called to order by president Bob Klenk.**

**-It was established that a quorum was in attendance.**

**-The minutes were read. Bob questioned the phrase, "dying shrubs," in the body of the minutes and wanted the minutes to read, "shrubs." Bob also questioned the wording of a quote by Timber Weller regarding the degree of safety from fire in the Lakeside community. (Approved as amended.)**

**-Joanne Block moved to accept the minutes as corrected. (Change "dying shrub," to "shrubs.") Motion carried.**

**-A discussion ensued regarding posting of committee meetings and distribution of the agenda. Carol will send the agenda to Bob, who will then send it back to Carol for distribution. Bob will be responsible for posting the meetings.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**-Marilyn explained her effort of obtaining bids for a new gate at the WWTP and has requested that Brit place this issue on the MSOA agenda in order to continue discussion of this issue. Bill reported the packet of information was read and mentioned at the December MSOA BOD meeting. No action was taken at that meeting.**

**-Joanne asked for clarification on the shrub removal behind #1 San Diego Lane and San Carlos Drive in Lakeside. Some of the shrubs were removed when the MSOA BOD voted to use the Harris' to remove vines and shrubs. It wasn't known that MSOA does not own this area. Holly bushes were not removed, as they were still healthy.**

**Carol planted Florida-Friendly flowering plants in front of the Holly bushes to replace shrubs that were removed.**

**Marilyn moved that we ask the MSOA BOD to accept recently planted Florida-Friendly Fire Cracker plants donated by Carol who planted these in the area in question, and to request she complete filling in with more of these plants at no cost to MSOA. Mary Ann seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1.**

**-At the December 1 landscape committee meeting, Carol called attention to two large bushes overhanging the Beach Club walkover that are full of thorns. MSOA gave Frank permission to see to this problem and he recently cut back these bushes making a much safer walkover.**

**NEW BUSINESS;**

**-Joanne spoke to the issue of overgrown vegetation that is invasive and located at the southwest gate at Lakeside and requested Landcare clear this area.**

**More discussion followed concerning the large Oleander bushes that were planted along the sidewalk at the same southwest gate area. It was stated the Oleander bushes are too large for the area and will require constant trimming thus removing bud growth, and miniature Oleander bushes would work better in that location. No action was taken**

**-Carol spoke to the issue of ornamental grasses that were planted almost a year ago along the sidewalk entrance at the southwest gate area. These plants were placed too close to the sidewalk and too close together. She has previously written letters requesting Landcare thin the plants and set them back from the sidewalk.**

**Carol moved we recommend to the MSOA BOD to have Landcare thin the ornamental plantings at the southwest gate and set them back from the sidewalk, as well as move the rest of the thinned plants to the area east of the recreation center. Marilyn seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**-Marilyn discussed the possibility of requesting funds for plantings in front of the WWTP fence. A sub-committee consisting of Marilyn, Mary Ann, Carol and Bob was formed to study the issue and propose Florida-Friendly plants for the area.**

**-The cost of plantings at entrances of the northeast and southeast as well as the northwest and southwest gate is approximately \$1700 annually. Marilyn suggested we use evergreen plants that are permanent or include some perennials with evergreens. Mary Ann suggested we replace the Hawthorne plants that are unsightly. Marilyn will take photos of entrances in other areas along A1A and will report findings at the next meeting.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 12.30.**

**The next meeting will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.**

**Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Bagdonas and Carol Scott**