

Hiller Highlands II Association

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Hiller Highlands HOA-II Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 20, 2018

Attendees: David Arzo, Tara Arzo, Richard Banks, Scott Gayle, Rao Kammula, Edie Kaplan, Ed Loss, Rick Mason, Tracy Perkins,

Water usage: Our water usage - primarily for landscape irrigation - has gone up significantly. In addition, as of July 1st, EBMUD increased the water cost by 9%. This summer period, compared to that of last year has gone up by 50%. The board is working on ways reduce the cost by monitoring for leaks in the system, broken sprinkler heads etc. In addition, we are reducing watering from 3 times a week to 2 times. Previously, sprinklers were turned on at 9 pm and 11pm. Now we are changing it to 6pm and 8pm to allow for homeowners to more easily monitor for problems. Please report to the board, if you see any broken sprinklers jetting out water or wasting water due to obstruction or hitting sidewalks or houses.

Landscaping infrastructure: The sub-metering and master valve project has been approved and installation will start in mid-September. Sub-metering allows us pay for the irrigation water at a lower rate and master valves will reduce water waste due to leaks.

Landscaping budget: Removal of dead/dying plants and overgrown tree removal will take precedence over funding for new plantings for the balance of the year. Some association members volunteered to buy and/or plant small flowering plants in front of their homes, but all are reminded that association rules only allow for the installation of drought tolerant plants.

Dry vegetation: The Oakland fire department has conducted its annual vegetation abatement inspection and thanks to the efforts of Tracey Perkins, our landscape chairperson, we are in compliance. (*Note: we are not aware of any violations, however, if any home owners have received a non-complaint letter, please inform the board immediately.*)

Annual dues: It is very likely that quarterly dues WILL go up significantly next year to cover increased water usage fees, necessary landscape work and reserve contributions. The 2019 budget will be presented at the next board meeting to be scheduled in late October or early November.

Parking on Grand Views: As discussed in previous association meetings, parking on Grand View sidewalks is not allowed. Homeowner cooperation is requested and appreciated.

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