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WALNUT CREEK

Walnut Creek Mutual Fifty (Mutual 50)

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021, AT 10:00AM
5333 TERRA GRANADA – WALK AROUND

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

Committee Members: Joan Schwanz, Rod Lee, Lee Wright, Susan Grancio,

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Meeting held on November 19, 2021

3) Old Business

- a) oleanders at entry 22 and behind black pine hedges will be installed end of this month on Terra's regular days \$3670 and \$2200.
- b) Pine tree stumps (total 3) will be removed by Waraners approx. \$400 each. Can bring machines down from street & will check with MOD & 811 for utility lines in the ground near stumps.
- c) Letter written Nov 8/21 to Terra requesting trash clean up, removal dead daisies and other clean up items. Some has been done.
- d) Waraner accepts responsibility for 1 tree replacement on entry 25 hill damaged 2 small trees, when his crew removed the large pine above last year. After long discussion, committee wants one native tree, such as white oak, black oak or live oak to be installed - they require less water. Will also consider Olives, Pistache, European Hornbeams on hills as native. Terra bid \$250.
- e) MOD Rebecca Pollen agreed to replace plants at 5513TG1A at no cost as lost for unknown reasons.
- f) Removal of 3 Pine Stumps E23. Will discuss with Rebecca & Waraner.
- g) Communication with Rebecca Pollen for pre-paid days 2022:
Spring- remove dead and old plants, finish removing Pine & juniper stumps, mulch (20%/yr q 5 years start 2023), start removing rest of Junipers on 23/ TG);
Summer- remove rest of Junipers along TG/23, finish Juniper stump removal
Fall- plant ground cover/ bushes over hills. Work on plans for after drought bushes & landscaping.

4) New Business

- a) Discussion with Homeowners, Waraner, Steve Ormond and Rebecca Pollen about Pine tree replacement when drought improves. Anything other than minimal bushes and trees will likely require new irrigation as ours needs constant repairs and has poor pressure. Instead of current sprinkler system, groundcover and trees such as red maples (which require quite a bit of water), we should consider a new irrigation system (**\$55,000**) that focuses on bubblers for native trees such as oaks, allowing ground cover to die. Could be paid for over 4 years \$15,000 each year. Consider new irrigation with bubblers, reduce total water & let groundcover die, vs keep current old irrigation, groundcover, plant a few trees same hydro zone as what we have.
- b) Walk around with Ed Waraner and Steve Ormond of MOD to determine next Pines to remove Jan 2022. Next one will be one of two at the corner of entry 25/24. Has damage at base and is

risk of falling into street. The other Pines along entry 25 are Scotch Pines, and in better shape than the other Aleppo pines. They can wait for now but need careful monitoring.

- c) A birch behind 5501 and unknown tree in black pine hedge at 5357 are dead and will be removed. Several other trees mostly dead will be removed- Waraner will submit bid for all of them.
- d) Trimming needs to be done to keep branches 6 ft away from buildings for fire fuel reduction. Waraners will include in bid. Since it is difficult to tell in the fall which trees are dead, we will start having Mr Waraner come in the spring, for better optics
- e) Black Pine possible treatment
- f) New Terra contract 2022

5) Walk around for unpermitted alterations landscaping

6) Adjournment

7) Announcements

Friday, Jan 14, 2022, 10 AM at 5593 TG (entry 25) . Discussion criteria for future plantings.
All future meetings will be the third Fri of each month, 10 AM