

Landscape Committee Update 6-2-2009

The landscape contractor (Joe Littleton, Lawscapes) has some plants that were salvaged from the dock wash out that need to be replanted. One section looks as if someone drove over some of the plants and damaged them. Joe will have the dead cut away and hope that they recover. Joe will furnish a fertilizer schedule so that we can keep up with the maintenance. We have two sink holes in our road. We will meet with the City on proper corrective action.

Comcast Covers - A big "Thanks" to Paul Dick, who called Comcast and managed to get them to install covers over the transformers around Cove Pointe.

Vandals and Stealers - Buddy Dye and I met with Joe this morning at 8:00 to see what we could do to spruce up the dock area in Cove Pointe. It was recently discovered that someone had cut the big rope on the boardwalk that leads down to the dock. It was cut three or four times and they took about a 100 foot of it. Joe is going to work on a repair/replacement estimate and call Roger Spencer reference funds.

Irrigation problems – The committee talked about the list of irrigation and plant reestablishment that Joe suggested in his November 24, 2008 estimate. Joe's estimate covers what needs to be done. Per March 3, 2008 meeting minutes, the cause of the storm damage was thoroughly investigated. City engineers suggest that the damaged area is the result of extraordinary volumes in the system as a result of the torrential rains experienced in February. According to Neil Fravel with the City of Panama City, the erosion was apparently caused by a clogged skimmer in the retention pond. It was agreed, however, that the association will further investigate the issue to determine if modifications to the current design would be beneficial in avoiding additional problems in the future. It was noted that the City of Panama City provided engineering recommendations recently to help resolve the issue at no expense to the association. It was concluded by the City engineers that the design was fine, installation was compliant with the design, and to prevent damage from recurring, it is important to keep the drains clear of debris. This is something that we should have Lawnsapes check on a regular basis when they are out doing our regularly scheduled maintenance.

Park Watering and Plants -- Buddy spoke with Joe about the water and park plants. Also, the sprinkler timer at the dock parking area was found inoperative. Buddy notes that it serves three sprinkled areas and landscape contractor said this is not the first time this has happened. I ask him to give Chris the cost for approval to get it fixed right away. He thinks there is a power spiking problem in that area that killing the sprinkler brain. Roger has agreed to call a contact at Gulf Power to have a monitor put on Cove point or possibly that area in particular since the 3rd Court entrance circle does not seem to have sprinkler timer problems. We need to correct whatever is damaging timers to prevent repeated cost.

Dock area maintenance -- Joe will have his guys trim the side of the hedge along the dock board walk. Once a quarter should be enough. He said he will have someone pick up the trash on each side of the dock that is lodged in the weeds and on the shore line. Suggest once a month.

Signs -- We agree that we have to get signs made for the dock area and the circles. Roger will work with Joe or someone to get them made up per my previous E-mail re sign suggestions. We have a bayou crabber mooring his boat and working his crab traps from our dock area.

Cutting back -- Buddy asked Joe if he thinks that we can get by with mowing and edging the nonpark right of way areas once every two weeks during the dry periods. Right now, his men seem to be cutting very little and steering up a lot of dust. He agreed. If someone sees this differently, please let us know.

Sprinkler System Responsible Person – Buddy asked Joe about identifying someone on his Cove Pointe crew who could check the sprinkler systems and adjust heads as necessary each time his crew comes to do Cove Pointe. (or at least every two weeks) This should be a short process and so this same person should be a part of the regular Lawnscape working crew. He said he has someone who could do this. This person needs to let Joe or Chuck know if he discovers sprinkler problems that needs repair where we get the repairs made quickly to prevent drought damage. We need to put the sprinkler brain lock box key in a mutual location and keep the boxes locked to keep people from opening them and fooling with the dials and buttons. (Joe - please let Chuck or Buddy know where they will be kept preferably somewhere on Cove Pointe)

Outsiders Turning their dogs out in Cove Pointe -- I mentioned to Joe that we are still working toward trying to keep outside people from bringing their big unleashed dogs into Cove Pointe and letting them first go to the circles and scratch out the pine straw in the beds and then go do their business wherever and their owner not picking it up. The guy in the in the extended cable Chevy or Ford truck with the insect sprayer tank on the small trailer behind it has switch sides and now comes down by my house with his destructive dog. Can someone who knows him, please call him again and tell him we have he and his dog in our sites? -----UPDATE --- The person in question and his three dogs came creeping by my house this morning. Just as soon as the dogs jumped out they went to the circle and started scratching up the pine straw. I immediately drove down and confronted him. He stated that he didn't realize that his dogs running out like that was a problem. I dominated the conversation after that reminded him that someone who owns in Cove Pointe had already call him about running his dogs here and that he should no longer do so. He had no leads and no poop bags. He quickly left. I took his tag number and called the police on 15th Street Officer Hellenbrand said he would look up his tag number and call him to warn him. He said that we should call the police the minute he shows up again. They will issue a complaint of Ordinance and a First Class Warning to him. Once warned, he assured me that they will prosecute if he continues to do this.

Cove Pointe Maintenance Contract - If anyone has not seen a copy of my draft Cove Pointe maintenance contract, please let me know and I will resend it to you for review and comments before we meet to final and approve it.

Chuck Nichols