

Green Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.
Activity Conference Room

Kris Knox called meeting to order at 3:01

Members present:

Kris Knox, Donna Busch, Mary Brannin, Teri Lorkowski

Guests: Jim Van Heule, Annette Ripplinger, Carol Perkinson, Ray Danner, Glen Stover (Liaison for condo board)

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting by Glen and Seconded by Terri

Comments from Condo Board Liaison Glen Stover – Bike safety in the park. People are disregarding the rules and should be reminded that they should be following the same rules as driving a car. The condo board is still working on a presentation to be made regarding the 40" pipeline and the new west pool renovations.

Carol submitted information by the condo board dated 10/28/21 regarding the approval of the landscaping committee

Suggestions for landscaping:

Removal of plants at west pool and relocate them when the area is renovated.

Ray suggested that areas needed to be identified for relocation of the plants.

Mary Brannin was contacted by a resident regarding relocating a cactus and the procedure.

Jim Van Heule said a form is needed to be filled out and given to the architectural committee for a permit request to remove. To relocate to a common area, the request needs to go through Mary Schmit and then to the condo board for approval.

Glen suggested that grass on Aztec, RV Park, Center and old pickle ball courts be removed and replace with desert landscape. Areas to be left grass would be the putting green, crochet and lawn bowl. The watering of the grass is costly and removing the grass would save on water and maintenance.

Jim Van Heule – said that the dog park cannot be touched because that is a water retention area recommended by the city of Mesa to create a park like environment.

The 100-year-old flood has not been resolved. In order to do so there needs to be a 2–3-inch rain in an hour to access issue for drainage.

Ray said there are no plans for street changes in the 300 block of Aero.

Annette suggested starting the removal of grass at the RV and old pickle ball areas first to avoid resistance from the residence. Carol mentioned that there was a lot of resistance when the removal of the grass was first mentioned

Glen suggested putting together a entire plan and then get approval from the condo board.

Carol mentioned that there was a study done on the area for longevity and cost that was rejected but it was never done on the cost for desert landscaping.

Glen mentioned that the cost for irrigation of the Aztec area was around \$6000.00 - \$7000.00 per year total around \$10,000.00 with maintenance.

Ray said that the irrigation and water usage change that was made by separating from the city, resulted in a \$143.00 savings per unit.

Discussion of how to transplant Saguaros:

Contact Cacti Doctor for costs. He is also a good resource for irrigation.

Glen suggested having a meeting to put together a landscape budget plan to propose before budget is done so we are included in the budget.

Working Session Meeting:

The suggestion for the meeting to be done after elections. Proposed date was the 26th of January at 3:00 at the activity center for a working session for landscaping and water conservation. A 48-hour notice needs to be given for approval of work session open to the public.

On the Topic of Water Conservation:

Water conservation was recommended to be of top concern.

Ray suggested replacing faucets in the bath houses to auto turn off automatically to conserve water. Mary Brannin said she would check on low flow shower heads to do another push in the park to get people to change their shower heads. She was also going to check with SRP to see if any are available for purchase.

Carol mentioned that making sure the shower heads were efficient but also had enough power to make people want to use them.

Recognition of new committee member Teri Lorkowski. Her application will be submitted in February to the condo board.

Desert Landscape Award

Best type of landscape is no irrigation.

Award goes to 212 Debonair Barb and Bob Schneider

Fundraiser suggestion was made for touring landscapes

Grapevine:

Carrie– the activity director, was not aware of the green committee, and we didn't get recognition. Next grapevine is Jan 24th, 2022, and a request to present needs to be entered to present at the orientation. Mary Brannin volunteered to stand up and present water information.

Open house:

Next open house will be at the dog park area on Sat 29th. A table will be set up and the time will be divided into shifts to accommodate handing out information.

Next Meeting:

Kris will check the calendar to see if the 9th of February is available for our meeting.

On February 16th Annual Meeting – Kris volunteered to present what the green committee is doing regarding terms of reference. Annette said a presentation was done last year in PowerPoint to make it more interesting.

There was a donation made of a 15-foot cacti with two arms and 2- 4 foot cacti from 825 Merlin. The questions were raised whether we approach the condo board to remove them or contact the Cacti Doctor to see if they are capable of being relocated and who would be responsible for the cost of removal and relocation?

A volunteer named Mary from the 400 block of Navajo said she would monitor the blue barrels at the dog park to make sure there are not contaminants in them preventing recycling.

There was a discussion regarding gutters that should all run into the street. Dry wells, rain gardens, and cistern systems for new construction as a viable option with consideration of mosquito breeding.

Trees in the easement will not be irrigated to dissuade people from planting in the easement area.

Carol suggested putting the outlines on your phone to read instead of using paper outlines.

A recommendation was made by the green committee to the condo board to stop people from hosing down driveways as an option for water conservation. That recommendation was turned down by the condo board. A suggestion was made to post information in the post office as to how much water is used when hosing down a driveway.

Mary Brannin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Busch

Next meeting February 9th at 3:00 in the activity center.