

Green Committee Minutes—December 13, 2023

Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm by Chair Kris Knox.

Attendance: Kris Knox, John MacDonald Condo Board Liaison, Mary Brannin, Annette Ripplinger, Jackie McDougall, Robert Hayes, and Wendy Sharpe

Kris Knox read the minutes of the March meeting. John MacDonald moved, and Mary Brannin seconded the approval of the minutes from the November meeting. Motion to approve minutes was passed.

CONDO BOARD REPORT:

John MacDonald from the Condo Board attended the meeting. He will be our liaison until February.

Next Condo Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, December 14, 2023. John will bring notice of motions to the Condo Board meeting from the Green Committee:

Water evaluation/irrigation audit request for up to \$2,000 to potentially save thousands of dollars per year on water.

Tree placement in honor of Nancy Robinson.

COMMENTS FROM KRIS:

Kris talked to the librarian about the Green Committee's missing books in the library. They will look for the desert plant books.

Kris has secured 2 tables for the Open House on 1/15/24.

The Green Committee met with GM David Jones regarding the dog park landscaping. We would like to establish more communication with David as this was a useful meeting. David has a company to do the irrigation assessment. It was suggested that we meet with Pat, the irrigation specialist in the park.

Recycling bins will be marked. Tennis Club recycles tennis balls and would like us to pay shipping to the recycling center. No funds are available from our budget.

Motion made to spend a maximum of \$2,000 on an audit on ways to save water/money, identify usage of non-potable water and find new ways to conserve water.

It was suggested that we ask the Handymen to make a sign for Nancy Robinson's memorial. Probably additional cost to drill the holes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Planting Project: Moon Valley will be interviewed for the purchase and planting of trees. They are booked until February 2024. Size of the trees planted will determine how many trees

can be planted. (For example, a 6–8-year-old tree may cost \$1,000 per tree.) Determination will be needed regarding the number of trees needed. Desert trees such as Ash Ficus, Red Pistache, Willow Aracia, etc. are recommended. Watering is necessary for the first year only. Will need fencing to protect new trees and ground needs to be in good planting condition. The replacement of trees throughout the park is also included in the money from the Condo Board.

Landscape Report: December Award is Mr. Matti @ 503 Merlin. Next month's award winner is 501 Debonair.

Water Subcommittee: SRP continues to give away desert adapted shade trees to owners.

Lorraine Hee, Condo Board Chair, alerted the Green Committee that Road Haven is having a speaker regarding water conservation. Members will try to attend. Becky Zusy at the City of Mesa does talks on water conservation. We may schedule a talk for VO.

Power washing for recreational vehicles was discussed. Currently washing recreational vehicles is prohibited. On agenda for Condo Board meeting tomorrow.

Recycling: Plastic bags are available from Chef Art. Can be used for personal recycling.

NEW BUSINESS:

Teri Lorkowski resigned from Green Committee.

Gordy Kolfstad will do a solar energy presentation on 1/23/24 at 1 pm in the Cabana.

Resident Dan Dietz grows succulents. A plant cutting exchange is being considered.

Open House on 1/15/24. Request for all members to be there.

Robert made a motion to adjourn at 3:56 pm. Jackie seconded, and the motion was passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Sharpe, Green Committee Secretary

Next Meeting: **January 17, 2024, at 3 pm.**