

## **MINUTES - Landscape and External Aesthetics Committee**

November 19, 2013 6:15 p.m., Telephone Conference

Committee Members Present: Pete and Chris Vall-Spinosa, Lynda Ward Pierce, Bob Thornton. Liz Reagor has resigned as of 11/19/2013.

**Charter** - The committee discussed the charter for the Landscape and External Aesthetics Committee presented by Pete and Chris Vall-Spinosa and then approved the recommendations/changes made by Bob Thornton and Lynda Ward Pierce.

**ACTION:** Chris will send the new charter document to the Board President, Dick Bjur, to share with the Board for final approval. Chris will also send the charter document as a separate attachment along with the minutes.

### **Landscaping Business:**

**\*\*Tree Planting/Wild Flower Seeding** - The committee agreed that this topic needs to remain an agenda item. The topic needs to go before legal council at the next Board meeting to determine why Jeffrey Pines and/or Aspen saplings cannot be planted during the litigation process. It has been agreed to by the committee that wild flower seeding cannot take place until tree planting is addressed. Hopefully, the seedlings can be planted in the spring.

**ACTION:** Chris will send this topic of tree planting to Board President, Dick Bjur, to place on the agenda for the next Board meeting in January.

**\*\*Trash Containers** - At the time of our meeting, Pete reported that Peter Miller agreed to go forward with having new front loading trash containers placed in the Aspen Grove community. The most recent report from Peter Miller, however, is that the disposal company responsible for the new trash containers discovered that the doors break when hoisted above the truck and emptied.

**ACTION:** The disposal company are giving Aspen Grove new or reconditioned brown painted dumpsters with doors that function more easily than the old dumpsters. No time frame has been given as to when the new dumpsters would be installed.

**\*\*Driving off road** - There are four (4) areas that need to be addressed as far as vehicles driving off road into Aspen Grove common areas - individual homeowner's, firewood delivery, construction vehicles and fire safety vehicles. Damage to vegetation has occurred in several areas (mostly in Silver Strike) when vehicles have driven in areas heavily affected by the water damage from the pond.

Committee members agreed that it would be nice to promote "all gas fireplaces" to eliminate the number of firewood deliveries. We could develop a "Wish List" considering rebate for those homeowner's wishing to convert to a gas fireplace.

**ACTION:** No specific action was establish other than this item should remain on the agenda for future discussion within our committee.

**Exterior Aesthetics Business:**

**\*\*Charging Stations** - Lynda reported that she has noticed several new electric cars in Aspen Grove that are using electrical outlets on the light post standards within the Aspen Grove community to charge their cars. These outlets are 110V. Cars should be charging on 220V. With the increased number of electric cars around, it was determined that it would be worth it to investigate the idea of having charging stations. Bob mentioned the possibility of damage to charging stations (depending on placement) as a result of snow plow machines during the winter season.

**ACTION:** Lynda will research the idea of having charging stations in Aspen Grove (how they work, cost and what is required to have them installed). This will be an agenda item for our next meeting.

**\*\*Signs/Flags** - After much discussion, it was decided that signs could be placed on the exterior of a homeowner's unit that was of **reasonable size for the given space available**. An example of reasonable size would be within the boundaries of 288 square inches. Pete reminded committee members that there are 3 basic entrances to the units within the Aspen Grove community. Signs could then be tastefully placed (depending on the entrance configuration), above or next to the front door or above/below the unit numbers. There would be one sign per condo unit.

Homeowner's may fly a flag. The flag is to be secured in a holder and installed only on a post.

**ACTION:** Chris will incorporate the specifications that Bob Thornton came up with on installation/materials guidelines along with the above proposal to be approved by the committee and then sent as a proposal to the Board for approval. Chris will send this topic to Board President, Dick Bjur, to include on the Board agenda in January.

**\*\*Porch Enclosure** - Chris and Pete have drawings for a porch enclosure that will be shared with the Board. Once the Board has approved the drawings, then it is important that there be a discussion concerning the affect the enclosure will have on the aesthetics within Aspen Grove.

**ACTION:** Chris and Pete will have drawings available for all Board members and Peter Miller prior to the next Board Meeting.

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**FURTHER ACTION:** Chris will send the following agenda items to Board President, Dick Bjur, to be added to the next Board Meeting in January:

- 1) Adoption/Approval of Landscape & External Aesthetics Charter
- 2) Signs/Flags Proposal
- 3) Porch Enclosure Proposal