

GAIL LAROSE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norman Abbott (ARC Chair)
Barbara Morsch (ARC Member)
cc Iris Zieler (Manager, Argus Management)
T.J. Snyder (TruScapes)

FROM: Gail Larose (ARC Secretary)

DATE: November 6, 2015

RE: Landscape inspection of common areas of Wisteria Park

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Barbara Morsch and I were joined by Iris Zieler, (Wisteria Park Manager) and T.J. Snyder of TruScapes to inspect Wisteria Park's common landscape areas, assess the current situation and make suggestions for options to present to the Board for its consideration. The following were considered:

Review of report of September 24, 2015

- The dying *Schlefflera arboricola* behind pond number four that had been flagged for replacement have finally been replaced;
- The brown patches in turf should show signs of recovering now that fertilization has been completed;
- One of the trees at 8802 18th Avenue NW has been identified as a Jackfruit, a tropical fruit tree native to Bangladesh;
- The state of the various ficus hedges around the perimeter of Wisteria Park are still cause for concern.

17th Avenue NW entrance

- The *Philodendron "Xanadu"* have been cut back from the Wisteria Park sign;
- The bougainvillia has been cut back;
- A quote to repair stucco damage to the Wisteria Park sign is still awaited and Iris Zieler promised to follow up;

Pool area

- T.J. Snyder will provide a proposal to remove the bird of paradise that is encroaching on and compromising the fence on the east side of the pool. He will also provide a proposal to heavily trim the bird of paradise should it be possible to move the sections of fence that are compromised;
- Iris Zieler agreed to obtain a quote from the Wisteria Park fence company to move and replace the sections of fence currently being threatened by the bird of paradise;
- T.J. Snyder will provide a proposal for planting five crotons and five ferns near the bike rack on the east side of the pool to replace the dead palm that had been removed;

- T.J. Snyder will provide a proposal to plant 13 Green Island ficus on the south side of the pool near the pool room and mechanical fenced area and install three micro irrigation jets;
- T. J. Snyder will provide a proposal to remove the dead Queen palm trunk near the gazebo and the other dying palms north of the pool (not to be replaced due to the likelihood of *fusarium* remaining in the soil) and will re-send the proposal to remove dying palms elsewhere in Wisteria Park;
- The low-hanging palm seed pods will be removed.

General

- TruScapes will be mulching common areas as well as east side gardens in November;
- Brown patch and yellow patch fungi (see description at <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/lh044>) are problematic and when noticed, can be treated. A note to this effect will be included in the November Newsletter asking homeowners to be vigilant and inform the Manager if they spot fungus problems on their lawns;
- As a result of fertilization, weeds have sprung up along with flowering plants. Weeding has started and will continue over the next week.
- With respect to turf weed, this is a characteristic of St. Augustine grass. However, treatment with herbicide is expensive, cannot be used in periods of high temperature and will also kill regenerating turf.