

GAIL LAROSE

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Gail Larose (ARC Secretary)

DATE: December 11, 2015

RE: Landscape inspection of common areas of Wisteria Park

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Barbara Morsch and I were joined by T.J. Snyder and Clay McMillan 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 November 6, 2015

- The **proposal** to remove hibiscus bushes and trim the bird of paradise that is encroaching on and compromising the fence on the east side of the pool is awaiting an indication about timing from the fence company (Gail Larose will follow up on timing and inform all concerned);
- The **proposal** to remove the dead Queen palm trunk near the gazebo and the three other dying palms north of the pool (not to be replaced due to the likelihood of *fusarium* remaining in the soil) have been approved and the work will be scheduled to coincide with the fence repair noted above (if a further palm needs to be removed, a separate proposal will be submitted);
- The **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 has been approved and will be scheduled to coincide with the fence repair and palm removal;
- Low-hanging palm seed pods will be removed in December when trimming is done and the Board will consider adjusting the contract to remove palm seed pods more frequently (palm trimming will be done more frequently to restrain growth).

Ficus concerns

Ficus hedges near the pool and behind houses on 19th Avenue NW were viewed and various options to deal with them were discussed as detailed below:

- A **proposal** will be made by TruScapes to trim the ficus hedge to the north of the pool and gazebo next to 1726 86th Street NW to a height of eight feet;
- A **proposal** will be made by TruScapes to remove four, two on each side of viburnum, dead ficus and re-plant with at least three to five *Viburnum odoratissimum* to the east side of the pool next to 8710 19th Avenue NW;
- Hard pruning of ficus hedges behind 8513 and 8509 19th Avenue NW that have been treated for whitefly will be planned for March 1;

- Podocarpus should be considered as a replacement hedge for ficus hedges that will need to be replaced in the future.

General

- As requested previously, a **proposal** will be made by TruScapes to plant 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;
- A **proposal** will be made by TruScapes to hand weed passion flower and other vines threatening trees, shrubs and hedges throughout Wisteria Park, especially behind 8710 19th Avenue NW and 8832 17th Avenue Circle E and other locations identified by Wisteria Park residents (Gail Larose will make an appeal for residents to identify encroaching vines in the next Newsletter);
- Mulching will be done as early in the new year as possible (Barbara Morsch will follow up with TruScapes on pricing).