

**DATE:** Nov. 7, 2018

**TO:** **WISTERIA PARK EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

(all present)

Donna Burbridge

Myra Harcourt

Maureen Hooper

Ray King

Rob Russell

**FROM:** Wendy Draina

**SUBJ:** **MINUTES FROM THE 11/7/2018 EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE MTG.**

**COPY:** Nicole Banks, Sunstate Management

Mike Zelle

Kemp Pollard

Steve Moyer

East Side Homeowners

#### MINUTES

Minutes from the October 22, 2018 were reviewed. Motion was made by Wendy to approve, seconded by Maureen; unanimously approved.

#### UPCOMING WEST BAY EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE SERVICES

Discussed irrigation checks, mulch (awaiting date), mowing (now every other week), pruning schedule. Discussion on what sprays used by West Bay – residents are inquiring about name of spray, type, ingredients, and any precautions. Verify signs when spraying is taking place.

Donna will follow up on date of Mulch and residents will be notified.

Reviewed improvement with resolution of problems with WB landscaping. Matt Stewart is now account manager for Wisteria Park. It was noted he is open to meet with residents, is very conscientious, and since he took over a steady improvement in services has been noted.

**WALK AROUND** - The next walk around landscape inspection will be Nov. 16, 9:30 – 11:30. Donna Burbridge, Myra Harcourt, and Matt Stewart from West Bay will be the group doing the inspection. Homeowners will be notified so they can express any concerns or if they would like to speak to Matt. It can be helpful when homeowners talk directly to Matt.

#### EDUCATION –

Landscape problems/ questions/plantings are an ongoing issue. It was discussed that if additional reading materials are available to East Side Residents on pruning schedule, what is covered in contract, what is not covered in contract, etc. this could help eliminate some issues. Once the contract is awarded, members of the East Side Committee will help provide clarification by providing information on the web site.

Regarding landscaping and planting, Louie Roseman, resident, informed us that there are many educational opportunities available through Manatee County/some held at the Botanical Garden. Information will be included in the next newsletter.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH WEST BAY - We are waiting for West Bay to give final prices. The goal is not to raise fees without cutting services. Three companies submitted bids using the same guidelines. The recommendation of the East Side Landscape Committee to the HOA was to continue service with West Bay, provided common area servicing and final pricing are acceptable.

OPT OUT – The board has to decide if Opt Out is optional. It was felt the number of homeowners asking to opt-out may be declining, but no official numbers exist at this time. East Side homeowners will be sent a short synopsis of the situation with a questionnaire. The two questions suggested are:

- \* Should East Side residents be allowed to opt-out/not participate in the landscape contract?
- \* If allowed, would you opt-out of the landscape maintenance contract?

Discussion continues on opting out. Additional material will be reviewed at the next HOA board meeting on November 26 at 3 pm.

**THE NEXT EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE DECEMBER 3rd AT 10 AM AT THE GAZEBO. HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. IT IS SUGGESTED HOMEOWNERS BRING A FOLDING CHAIR.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Wendy Draina