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TO: EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

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SUBJ: EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10am on April 11th at the Gazebo. All committee members were attending, plus three homeowners. The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 18th meeting. Maureen approved the minutes and Wendy seconded. The minutes will be posted on the Wisteria Park website.

The committee reviewed the HOA Board decision on March 23rd in regards to **not allowing** homeowners on the East Side to opt out of mandatory landscape services. The decision was made based on a survey of East Side homeowners which showed a majority of homeowners did not want to allow opting out, and the very small percentage of homeowners who said they would like to opt out. The Landscape Committee had prior to the Board meeting reviewed the survey results and recommended to the Board to not allow opting out. The committee discussed encouraging homeowners who have dissatisfaction with the service to contact Nicole at Sunstate, so the Landscape committee can follow up with the landscape service.

The March 22nd Landscape Walkaround Inspection was conducted by Rob Russell, Ray King, and Matt Stewart of West Bay. In general, the landscape looked pretty good. Four households reported irrigations problems. West Bay took care of these irrigation problems the day of the inspection. It was noted that when homeowners report an irrigation problem, the information on the location of the problem is not always communicated to the repair person. It would save time and better diagnose the problem if this information is available. It is not clear if it is property management or the West Bay supervisor who is not passing this information on but Ray will discuss it with Nicole and Matt.

It was noted that a diseased palm tree previously reported has been removed, but the stump has conks which will spread the disease spores. The conks need to be removed and the stump ground down. If a homeowner has a palm with ganoderma they should always make sure the stump is ground down. Since it is springtime, the moles have become active in some areas. West Bay does not treat for moles, only insects. It is the homeowner's responsibility to treat either the grubs that moles eat, or set bait traps. Some other areas noted in the walkaround: A home on a pond with overgrown shrubs had the dead plants removed but the debris needed to be raked up. A pygmy palm and some shrubs were found to be distressed and will be treated. A homeowner reported a broken latch on the

irrigation cover. Matt will check into repairing it. A distressed turf patch is improving. A homeowner discussed hedge and bush trimming preferences and Matt will inform the trimmers.

The April Landscape Inspection is tentatively set for April 19th, dependent on West Bay's Matt Stewart's schedule. Maureen Hooper and Wendy Draina will do the inspection.

It was noted in the meeting that the West Bay contract calls for weekly mowing to begin April 1st, but that no mowing was taking place on the day of the meeting, a Thursday. This will be investigated since we are guaranteed a minimum number of mowings a year.

Homeowner comments:

- Does West Bay trim seed pods on the palms trees? Outside of the annual tall palm tree trimming in the Fall, it is the homeowner's responsibility if they want seed pods to be removed. It was suggested that a group of homeowners can decide to hire a company to remove the seed pods on their own. This would be similar to the situation where a group of homeowners hired a company to clean mold from their roofs.
- It was noted that realtors describe the East Side as "maintenance free". It was discussed whether we should ask realtors selling East Side homes to not use that term. However, it is a standard term and could be confusing if a more limited term is used. We just have to make sure new homeowners understand what services are provided.
- A homeowner with a mole problem hired a pest company who set out poison bait to kill moles. She noted it was expensive but that you can buy bait at a hardware store. Another method is to kill the grubs that moles feed on, but it was noted that moles will also eat worms which are needed to keep turf healthy.

Next Meeting for the East Side Landscape Committee is scheduled for May 16th at 10am at the Gazebo. The May Walk Around Inspection is tentatively set for May 17th. It was noted that the HOA meeting will be May 20th – one week earlier because of the Memorial Day Holiday May 27th.

At 11 am, the meeting was adjourned.