

## OVA LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 3, 2024

Attending: Jenny Watts, Chair, Carolyn Greene, John Blevens, OVA Board Liaison Marianne Neufeld, OVA General Manager Christel Antone. Absent: Kim Pettek, Jeana Garcia

Meeting called to order 10:04am

1. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the December 6 meeting were approved as amended.

1. Berger – new larger rock has been installed; entire area now covered; Christel will make sure rock is pulled back from plants. There is space for annuals, such as primrose. Around back, nandina need water. Rose bush to be removed and replanted as bare root. Catmint not consistently attractive - maybe a seasonal issue.
2. CAC – Dwarf Bottle Brush “Little Johns” planted incorrectly; plants were not healthy. Adding 3 catmint; yarrow needs to be removed; add lomandra, asparagus meyeri. Succulent behind CAC to be taken out. Check flooding from irrigation. Christel announced that CAC has landscape funds in reserve to use.
3. Discussion about possible requirement to remove vegetation/brush 1,000 feet from buildings, by insurance company. Questions about definition of “brush” and how this would significantly impact Oakmont appearance.
4. East – Hypericum continues to be removed; piles of material near small building on east side are sand; Ceanothus gloriosus need to be planted.
5. Contractor Discussion - Distinction between “gardening activities” and larger maintenance projects; smaller contractors may not have necessary equipment for larger projects; there was agreement that more general oversight is needed for all projects.
6. West – Carolyn had done recent walk-around and provided Jenny with photos - Jeana provided photo of possibly blocked drain at West Rec near redwood trees.
7. White Oak Drive – Christel reported that there was no new information about the plantings on White Oak, across from Oakmont Gardens.

## Old Business

1. Oakmont Drive Medians status -Jenny reported on current tree planting; she and Dave Watts are directing the planting of 20 15 gal crape myrtles; there was discussion about whether to remove the lone pear tree across from the market. Gazanias need to be pre-ordered, as it's ideal to plant them in April.
2. Re-oaking Project - Carolyn will provide update at Feb meeting.

## 5. New Business

1. Projects for 2024 - discussion about the re-design of CAC and Berger; significant plantings should not be considered until design decisions are made.
2. Oakmont Drive Entrance - Christel reported on landscape maintenance sharing with CalTrans; \$40k in budget for that area.
3. CAC Pool Cabana - recommended no plantings near wood fence and installing rock instead.
4. Pythian Entrance - there was concern about wrong lantana planted; it doesn't look good and may not be cold tolerant.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Walk-Around – January 10 9 am

Next Meeting – February 7, 10am