

# Highlands HOA Landscape Committee – 2023 Activity Plan

**Revised 9/19/23**

The Committee last met 7/18/23, in the Clubhouse at Lake Margaret. We welcome Kathy Scott and Pam Hauck to the committee membership. We were sorry to lose Dan Graham and Mary Geibel who had worked with us over the past several years.

Highlights:

- A recap on the status of the HOA Board's forming new committees to manage assets was shared with the Committee.
- Plans to meet with ACS West (Martha, Sam, Dave, and Lacy) soon to realign responsibilities for our irrigation systems and up-lighting and entrance lighting.
- Plans for adding a new landscape bed at the Clubhouse at Lake Margaret: and Kathy to advise on relocating 8 yellow Mop Head shrubs to the entrance bed at Woodpecker and Kernmack: Estatecare to replace dead ornamental grasses at the Cattail entrances with transplants, and remove dead tree.

## COMMITTEE PROJECTS – MULCH BED MAINTENANCE

- Several of our mulch beds have been mulched for 10-15 years. We are planning a test to focus on reducing the mulch beds and associated mulching cost. Convert EF#8 and EF#9 from mulch to planted fescue and micro clover by plowing under the beds, fertilize and straw. These beds are not irrigated. Cost \$1,450 Cost reduction in mulch \$3,120.
- EF#10 West end near Isadora entrance planted, 10 bush-type red Crepe Myrtles (20'centers) Cost \$1,750, mulch bed from plantings down to street line; Cost \$2,415. Accomplished 9/12/23. From this point ~350' East, plow bed under, and seed with clover/fescue mix with fertilizer and straw. Cost \$1,365
- HG# 9 Golf parking lot along sidewalk last mulched 2021. Plan to plow and plant grass (\$350) East of last Forsythia to parking lot curb, reduces bed size by 125'x10 and mulch cost; \$1,518. West of the last Forsythia will be remulched \$1,518
- HG# 8 Sidlaw Hills Holly bed last 2018 \$2,860
- EF#2; \$6,240, remulch and harvest several Loro Pedlum shrubs growing off existing plants for future projects. Possible reschedule to 2024, est. not in Est. Y.E.
- **TOTAL COST ESTIMATE \$19,923 YTD; anticipated project cost (Sept.-Dec.) cost \$9,061; total Y.E. \$28,984 Annual Budget \$50,000**

## TOT LOT

- Assumed responsibility for this asset during July 2023.
- The Board granted authority to remove the rental propane grill from the site (Donated to the Reserve Restaurant) and discontinue charging for reservations. Awaiting a decision on who will handle reservations. Revised wording for the web page has been submitted to Martha and when this decision is made she will get the HOA web page change implemented.

## ENTRANCE/AREA UP LIGHTING

- An audit list was made for all locations under this section during June with a list of defects submitted to Sam King. Work is underway but not completed to repair all defects.
- We are exploring an on-going system for audits engaging Estatecare to audit and replace bulbs.

## IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

- All systems for all nine entrances are working well, except the system from lake water on Highland Glen. Dave Thomas and I met with Virginia Irrigation and they suggested splitting this segment with part on lake water/part on County water to improve fluctuating pressures. No further quotes have been received by ACS West.

## CAPITAL RESERVES ITEMS STATUS

- No action to report

### Miscellaneous items:

- **Mulch procurement from new area clearing at Applecross and Nash to start IIIQ'23 – Dave Thomas will contact John Barksdale for name of clearing contractor**
- **We have a 12 year running Accomplishment report available for all residents, please contact Lacy for an email copy.**