

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting, July 6, 2006
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held at Bob Donaldson's home. Attending were Bob Donaldson, Marie Murray and Kathy Doherty.

Old Business

1. Potential expenses:

The Committee discussed Flores' estimate to hand-prune the overgrown azaleas on the property, prepare and sod bare areas between 125 and 127 and also remove ivy between 125 and 127. It was determined rather quickly that the budget would not support hiring Flores to do any of the work and that a Tollgate Work Party would need to be convened.

It then became a matter of prioritizing the work to be done. Marie has made a survey of ivy growing in common areas on the property, all of which concern the Committee because they harbor poison ivy that can endanger residents and pets (several people are severely allergic to poison ivy) and they can offer cover for rats and other pests. The Committee also decided that removing all ivy in Tollgate would ensure a common look to common property areas. Ivy was made a work party priority, including other tasks in descending order of importance as follows:

Convene a work party in late August or early September for:

- Removal of ivy
- Creating a raised bed behind 109 and 111 to block water runoff into neighboring property

Ask individual homeowners to do the following;

- Remove dead or dying plants at 121
- Hand-prune azaleas

And, the committee decided to wait on these tasks:

- Prepare ground at 125-127 and plant sod
- Thin out plantings at front entrance
- Replant an evergreen from the side of 118 to a back alley location – perhaps between 125 and 127

2. Landscape Inventory

Kathy and Terry have inventoried the "even" side of the street and will make a date to do the other side and then turn all of it over to Bob Donaldson to put on the Tollgate graphic.

3. Plants at Lyon's house – Amy Strunk made plant suggestions, which Ella has purchased and submitted for reimbursement, which was approved

4. Bench for area by 118. Given potential storm water-related expenses, the Committee decided to table this.

5. Backyard debris from Hillwood. Marie said the city has told her there is nothing the city can do to require removal of yard debris behind 135.

6. Service from Flores. As Flores was not able to do the spring aeration in our contract, the Committee decided to ask them to spray Roundup on all ivy beds to facilitate their removal and also to give us a price for bringing in a truckload of mulch for the work party to distribute. Kathy will ask Flores about this. Kathy has twice asked Flores to trim shrubs (including the shrub at the end of the street) and will follow up.

7. Terry Zawacki would like us to put a flyer in everyone's mail box reminding them to make a hose available for watering. No decision was made.

There being no further business, except discussion of storm water which was to be taken up at a Board meeting immediately following, the meeting was adjourned.