

CALAC MEETING; March 8, 2022

Present: Merele Chapman, Bud Charlick, Barbara Skaret, Beverly Crowe (representing HOA Board), Hector Mendez (Park West), Loni Peterson (GM, Solera OVG)

Discussion as follows on various topics per last month's minutes and Park West report:

-Northview pocket park plantings were installed as per estimate approved after last meeting. Work has been completed

- Bridges slope: There were 2 designs done by the PW landscape designer and shown at the Edison meeting on February 28. The board members felt they were too costly so the designer will come up with another design. The CALAC committee would like to see the renderings.

-Westchester/Fairway corner: Pictures were presented from PS of a possible planting for the NE corner. Committee doesn't want sycamore trees removed at this time as they are healthy. Rendering with cactus style plants may not be consistent with other corners. Pink "Red Bud" trees look pretty but concern is that they may grow too tall.

-Entrance/Fairway to Westchester: Last year, CALAC discussed a concept for updating this area's plantings to be in a "pod" or patch style. We like the idea of larger areas of the same plant/shrub spaced at intervals with areas of other plants of different color/texture/etc.

-Irrigation system: All have been converted to drip irrigation prior to PW takeover. Their technicians are still auditing the controllers. So far one needs to be replaced. The previous "SmartMatic" program is not set up or active. The system is now working on a clock with manual adjustments by the team.

-Plants coming through the walls behind Turnberry: There is not a problem with this at present. Any vines poking through can be pruned by crew. If any culprits are noticed, Loni can discuss with the homeowner so the crew need to let her know if they notice any problems.

-Flowering Plum Trees: Hector stated that the PW "experts" opinion is that trees should have been sprayed in December and January to prevent fruiting. If this did not happen, it is too late. Bud and Merele contended that there is a foliar spray that can be sprayed on the flowers to prevent fruiting ("Ethephon" or natural ethylene chemical). Hector will check into it.

-Olive trees: These also need to be sprayed to prevent fruiting. We have olive trees on the West side. CALAC recommends that this be done in a timely manner.

-Greenbelt: Edison won't approve any development within 75 feet of the towers. Merele had a new suggestion for decreasing water use in the greenbelt—to turnoff the sprinklers within 75 feet, allow it to go dormant and then sprinkle California poppy seeds. These need only occasional watering.