

CALAC Minutes; 2023-03-14

Present: Merele Chapman, Carole Schara, Barbara Skaret, Armand Silva, Pat King, Dave Gilford, Bud Charlton, Monica Munoz (Solera HOA management), From Park West (PW): Hector Mendez, Danny Wiest

From Park West Report:

-Dandelions appear to be growing wild. Hector says they will spray as soon as rain gives them a break and will try to get this in before next week's rainfall.

-Bud asked about standing water around Magnolia trees, particularly in front of the clubhouse. Hector says it won't hurt trees. Controllers (sprinklers) are off.

Proposal 103703: for area North of clubhouse, includes a decomposed granite pathway: for around \$3500. **CALAC recommends approval of this proposal.**

Greenbelt plans are now waiting on the grant writers.

New Discussion:

Merele noticed the patchy appearance of the grass on parkways. Numerous areas appear burned out. This is due to kikuyugrass infestation. The committee referred back to October 2022 when PW estimated replacement of the turf (excavate old turf and replant with new fescue) at around \$150,000 for Golf Club and Fairway Drive parkways. Replacement with new turf may ultimately be contaminated again with new kikuyugrass infestation.”: scalping and overseeding with a combination of rye grass and fescue. It doesn't get rid of kikuyugrass but rye grass stays green in winter so it looks better. This is a temporary fix but much less costly than complete replacement of turf.

Treatment for kikuyugrass with spraying of herbicide chemicals, due to limited choices for herbicides in California is not successful.

Armand suggested trial areas of replacement and renovation.

Renovation is normally done in September/October annually. It may require a slightly increased watering during 3 weeks of germination. Cost of renovation is far less than total turf replacement.

CALAC requested that PW give us a proposal estimate to renovate all parkway areas and pocket parks (not greenbelt).

It was agreed that the Solera community needs to be educated about turf infestations with kikuyugrass, crab grass and yellow nuts edge. Danny will try to find a professional article for us to submit to the Solera magazine.