

RAINTREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: COMMON GROUND

DATE: September 8, 2004

START TIME: 7:00 pm

END TIME: 9:50 pm

RECORDER: Mabelle Seiler

ATTENDING: Jeanne Smith, Shirley Thomas, Rita Madison, Brian West

ITINERARY: 3rd Quarter Meeting

DISCUSSION:

Rita and Mabelle updated group on another successful year with the Yard of the Month program. Plans to continue the program into 2005 with Greenleaf Nursery trading advertising in Shoreline with awards (5 months, 2 winners/month @\$50 each).

Committee reviewed bids for reconfiguring the irrigation system on the Regatta Islands. Much discussion on pros/cons on battery virus wired system. Committee decided to recommend the battery system since cost of wiring reduced overall cost considerably. Request for funds to be presented at September Board meeting.

Reviewed expenses and 2004 budget to date. Many felt a need to increase new planting budget for 2005 in order to replace many of the pine trees that have recently died and been removed. Committee would look at replacing with possibly better pine varieties, oaks and redbuds. Reviewed other 2005 budget items. Committee discussed the need for more funds to be allocated towards "general maintenance". With the increase of items to be maintained (i.e. land, waterscapes, irrigation, plantings, trees, etc), the committee listed items on bottom of budget request sheet to be considered for inclusion in general maintenance budget.

Mabelle had called to get price on park benches and trashcans but did not hear back from vendor before meeting time. This is generally the time of year when sales are run on these items. The committee agreed to use the balance of budgeted money (after Regatta irrigation system) to purchase possibly 2 park benches and 1 trashcan to be placed on finished ponds in Estate area. This area currently does not have any park benches or trash cans. Mabelle recently noticed the trashcan at the duck pond had been hit and dented. Depending on funds available, replacing damaged trashcan with new and placing damaged can in other location.

Finally, the committee spent considerable time reviewing the 3 proposals for the 291 Hwy entrance. A list was composed listing pros/cons of each plan with final

recommendation from committee to be presented to Board at September meeting. Committee would like to contract landscaper so that materials could be ordered for a fall planting in late October or November after all legal paperwork on islands have been finalized.

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO RLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Request for funds to reconfigure Regatta islands irrigation
Select contractor for landscaping of 291 Entrance Islands**

ATTACHMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 1, 2004, 7pm, Clubhouse

cc: RLPOA Board of Directors
Rita Madison
Jeanne Smith
Brian West
Shirley Thomas
Machelle Seiler