

Raintree View Meeting
August 13, 2008
Amended August 14, 2008

Members present: Alan Dancy, Tom Tucek and Brian Whitley.

The need to establish a firm monthly meeting date was discussed. It was agreed to hold meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. If necessary, another meeting could be scheduled midway between monthly meetings, if necessary.

Tom explained the City's pre-application conference. It was agreed that this would be the first step taken to clarify any City requirements. Conferences are held on Wednesdays. Tom will get more info on the City's scheduling. Tom and Alan will attend. Brian may attend if his schedule permits.

Alan got a price from Colonial Nursery on Thursday August 14. They have a 7 gallon in stock (about 4 ft. tall.) It looks like it would do the screening very well. They quoted the 7 gal. for \$82 each with no discount for quantity. They will install the tree for app. 65% the tree price (\$53.30.) The installed price per tree for a 7 gal. would be app. \$135.

They also sell a 5 gallon (app. 2 ft.) for \$52 plus \$33 installation, making the smaller tree go for app. \$85 per tree.

According to the architect's Plan #1, the two sides of the lot to be screened measure about 550 feet. Planting the trees on 8 ft. centers would require 69 7 gal. trees, costing \$9315 installed with a 1 yr. warranty. This gives us a conservative figure for budgetary purposes, and we can scale up or down depending on tree spacing, etc.

A 2009 budget was discussed and will be sent to Manager. Depending on results of Pre-Application Conference we may need to request some money during 2008.