

RAINTREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: COMMON GROUND

DATE: March 1, 2004
START TIME: 7:00 pm
END TIME: 9:10 pm
RECORDER: Mabelle Seiler

ATTENDING: Jeanne Smith, Shirley Thomas, Rita Madison, Brian West,
Rachelle Vandiver, Mabelle Seiler
Guest – Kristen Schoenecker – Natural Creations, Inc.

ITINERARY: 1st Quarter Meeting

DISCUSSION: Kristen Schoenecker with Natural Creations, Inc. started the meeting with a presentation and drawings for landscaping the 291 Entrance islands. The design they presented incorporated trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers that would be tolerate to the conditions presented on a street island (mostly all native plants). Natural Creations is willing to be flexible and work in phases as they understand Raintree is still in the process of acquiring the islands. There is no charge for their design plan. They would be happy to present plan to the Board at any date.

Rachelle helped the committee with clarification on budget line items. It was understood that item 510B is for new tree, etc. plantings; item 510C is for park benches, trash cans, sprinkler system; and item 519 for misc flowers, etc.

Brian West will contact York irrigation service for a bid to improve the sprinkler system on the Regatta islands. This system has a substantial leak and many ineffective sprinkler heads. The committee is looking to replace sprinkler heads and redesign system to eliminate manual operating.

The committee also asked Rachelle if the annual contract had been submitted from York for the start up/winterization process. She confirmed Raintree had received the contract, although the Board was considering doing this process in-house. The committee discussed the pro's and con's of doing this in-house at great length and the majority felt there were many more benefits of having York continue this function. Mabelle will attend the March board meeting and mention this discussion and reasons to continue with York.

Rita Madison who is also Chairman of the Garden Club asked the Common Ground Committee if they would work with and fund \$400 to improve the flower garden at the Duck Pond. The committee had plans to improve this flowerbed for 2004, so additional help from the Garden Club was welcome. All committee members

agreed to allow Rita Madison to select up to \$400 for purchase of flowers and materials to improve Duck Pond flower garden.

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO RLPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Continue contract with York Irrigation for start up/winterization of sprinkler system. This contract includes the Clubhouse grounds and Regatta.

ATTACHMENTS: Landscape Proposal for 291 Entrance from Natural Creations

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 7, 2004

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