

Common Grounds Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015

The meeting was held at the Duck Pond Activity Center 7:00PM

Present: Kathy Goldman, Robert Dye, Marsha Hosick, Roberta Prudden, Toni Travalent, Sharon McCann, Sue Rusco

John Hustad would like to announce that the Pond Committee is meeting at DPAC September 23, 2015 at 9:30.

Susan Cheng, a resident at the Duck Pond DP02 requested a Mimosa tree at the common ground in back of her house. Discussion led by Robert brought the committee to the conclusion that a Mimosa tree would not be acceptable on common ground.

Decisions on what to include in the budget request due in September 30, 2015 were as follows:

Requests were broken out into Operational and Projects.

Common Ground committee is unique in that years ago the board placed three items under their area of responsibility into the operational budget to protect them from the changing dynamics of the board. The three items are the New Plantings (Adopt-A-Tree program) 2002-000, Flower Beds and Pots 2002-100, and Benches and Trash Cans (part of CG Misc.) 2006-000.

Priority	Operational	Cost
1	Flower Beds	\$5,000.00
2	Trees	\$8,000.00
3	Benches and trash cans reserve	\$1,000.00

Priority	Project	Cost
1	Regatta Islands renewal project reserve funds	up to \$10,00.00
2	Staff - hire horticulture expert seasonal	???
3	Marline drainage Rain Garden	\$8,000.00
4	Aerators/Fountains	?????
5	Entrance monuments reserve funds	up to \$5,000.00
6	Light Kits	\$6000.00 or 10,400.00(LED)

The Mission Statement, Five-Year Plan, and Vision Statement were discussed. The Mission Statement was revised to read: "The mission of the Common Ground Committee is to plan, preserve, and execute projects that improve and enhance Raintree Lake Common Ground which benefits our residents today and in the future." Sharon McCann will work on a Five Year Plan so that it can be finalized during the October 20th CG meeting. At that time the CG committee will finalize the Vision Statement. The Five Year Plan and Vision Statement will be the Common Ground introduction to their budget request on October 27th at the Board Work Session.

The plan for winter meetings includes:

- Day time meeting with Don Woods from Colonial to begin plan on Regatta Island renewal to be done in two phases.
- Planting plans including Raintree Circle, 291 monument, 291 Soldiers, 291 Islands, and rear of Regatta monument.