

Tierra Vista Board Meeting
September 21, 2023

Meeting to discuss front-yard landscaping needs, called to order at 4:00 pm.

Board members in attendance were Dave Hupp, Marie Cobb, Baker McKonly, Linda Looman and Zach Potter. Zach arrived approximately 4:15 and Baker left approximately 5:15. Residents present were Beth Berghoff, Catherine Adams and Bruce Longwell.

- **Bushes and Shrubs** throughout the neighborhood are overgrown and need to be pruned. Darren will do this in the fall. It was discussed that a healthy pruning could have as much as 1/3 of the plant trimmed.
- **Edging** around planters, which includes black plastic and green metal, should all be eventually modified.
 - Green metal edging will be removed. Those yards with loose, protruding metal, such as 112 Tierra Vista, will be a priority.
 - The black plastic edging will also be either removed, or trimmed at ground level.
 - Medium-sized, rounded stones (such as river domes) will be used to outline the planting beds (as in a string of pearls).
 - Dave will speak with Janet and our landscaper Darren to see if he is willing or able to do this work.
- **Metal Stakes:** several front lawns that have metal stakes that no longer have a purpose and should be removed. This applies to 12 Tierra Verde, 113 Tierra Vista and several other homes.
 - Dave will also ask if Darren is willing to remove these.
- **Next spring items include:**
 - **Mulch** will be added to some planter beds next spring.
 - **Soil** and grass or grass seed should be added to some areas adjacent to driveways where erosion has occurred and water can seep under driveways. This included 8 Tierra Verde.
 - **Hydroseed** grasses on bare spots should be considered.
- **Drainage issues** affecting retaining walls on the western end of Tierra Verde drive. *Water from several homes gutter downspouts have been directed towards retaining walls, causing settling issues.*
 - The gutter downspouts should be redirected and a French drain was discussed as a way to mitigate further damage.
- Linda made a motion to have **Zach contact a structural engineer** to obtain an opinion if making this change will help the situation and evaluate whether the retaining walls are still

structurally sound. Marie seconded the motion and with 4 of 5 board members present, the motion carried.

- Homeowner requests included planting a tree to replace a dead one that was removed this summer and another homeowner requested removal of some large bushes and replacing them with lavender. Future Xeriscaping in some yards or portions thereof was discussed, including replacing smaller lawns with native grasses.
- **Tree trimming:** Many large trees, including 11 Tierra Verde, could use additional trimming.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Looman, Vice President