

Parkside Landscape Committee Report

July 2012

Subject: Landscape Committee Recommendations for HOA 7/24 Meeting
Members: Ricki Kleist

Introduction:

Parkside is a community recognized for beautiful and lush grounds. This is an asset to our daily lives as well as an enhancement to property value. Since Parkside was developed, approximately 23 years ago, many of the original plantings have outlived their life cycle. Trees and shrubs have died, plantings need to be properly pruned or removed, roots are above ground, soil is depleted creating “bald” spots, and plantings are diseased or “leggy”. The Landscape Committee will make every effort to assess the current landscape, listen to community suggestions and concerns, and recommend a beautification plan.

2012 Goals:

1. Urgent: identify all diseased trees and tree root damage. Determine cost for correction and replacement.
2. Develop a 3 year Master Landscape Plan
3. Do not raise dues to improve Landscaping, but rather, “think outside the box” to identify *new methods of funding
4. Revitalize Parkside Landscape to the level of “Best Community” grounds to maintain and increase property value

Time Line:

1. **July 2012:** BOD approves a Landscape Master Plan concept. Home owners volunteer as **“Town Criers.”
2. **August 2012:** Landscape Committee selects 3-4 vendors, conducts community walk-through, and reviews all landscape comments/suggestions/issues submitted to Dependable.
3. **September 2012:** Landscape finalist announced. Prioritize beautification area; launch Landscape Donations and Plaque Program, post funding progress in Club House.
4. **October/November 2012:** Launch Master Landscape Plan
5. **December 2012:** Evaluate progress and set goals/time lines for 2013

Cost:

1. Vendor Master Plan - \$100-\$200 per plan

*Effective methods of funding are donations, and “Plague” programs. Plague programs recognize home owners who donate \$200 or more to a specific project.

** Town Criers work on an “as needed” basis to help keep the community informed by posting information at the Club House, and delivering door-to-door notices.