

Copper Cove Parks Beautification Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: September 17, 2009

Attendees: John Howdsen, Shari Stromer, Anne Plummer

1. Irrigation Bids

- Jim Wilson submitted a bid. Expecting three more
- John recused himself from being involved in the decision on which bid to accept. Jim Wilson is a personal friend.

2. Committee will request that any issues with trees in the Copper Cove parks should be sent to the committee to determine what action, if any, should be taken.

3. The Committee will request that they be consulted before any trees they are responsible for (to be determined) are pruned, fertilized, mulched or removed.

3. Jack Forkner stopped in and requested the Committee clarify its areas of responsibilities regarding landscaping in the Copper Cover parks.

4. The weeping willow trees near the new picnic shade structures need to be moved away from the structures so that the branches will not be in the way as they grow. John offered to move them closer to the creek.

5. Some of the new weeping willow and small mulberry trees are showing signs of drought stress. For example, brown leaves. Trees need deep watering instead of the frequent shallow watering they now get from the lawn sprinklers. Suggestion was also made to consult with the Master Gardeners' association in San Andreas to see if they will send someone to Black Creek Park to confirm this. Anne will call when back from vacation. There are also some Master Gardeners in the Tuolumne County Garden Club that Anne and Shari belong to. They might be willing to consult.

6. Someone pruned the small mulberry trees in the picnic area but did not do it properly. It needs to be corrected. Some of them no longer need stakes. Pruning day get together to be discussed at next meeting.

7. Meetings will be moved to 2nd Thursdays at 9:00 am. There is a conflict with the present day and time.

8. Anne has the Committee Charter form Jack Forkner passed out at the September HOA meeting. She will fill it in and pass it to the Committee for review.

9. John will check around to see if the metal stakes between the deodara cedars along Copper Cover can be removed. We don't know why they are there and they are not very attractive.

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Agenda for October meeting:

- Scope of Committee's responsibility including which parks, what landscaping and activities (e.g., pruning, fertilizing).
- Set day and time to meet at Black Creek to prune new trees.
- Anne to report on discussions with Master Gardeners' association.
- Finalize Committee Charter