

## **EARC Meeting Minutes**

October 27, 2010

Present: Mel Church, Mickey Cook, Karl Freed, Scott Vandeboss

Absent: Larry Harris

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse library.

### **Noted**

No meeting was held in September

### **Tree removal requests**

#### **Albin, 4119 Katydid Lane**

Request to remove 8" Oak located behind a large Pear tree on the edge of the driveway and across from home entry. Although healthy, the tree is crowded by a larger Oak on one side and the Pear on the other with growth mostly in the crown. The Pear is also being affected by the crowding showing stunted growth on the Oak side. It does not appear that trimming alone will improve the condition of either tree. The tree was approved for removal. Given the wooded nature of the site, no replacement is required.

#### **Pines Association:**

Request to remove 4 trees ranging between 14" and 20" in diameter:

1. Two 14" Box Elder trees located behind 3304 Pine Bluff Lane - not approved for removal. Trees are located on PHCA property and any request to remove must come from PHCA.
2. 20" Maple located behind 3226 Pine Bluff Lane - not approved for removal. The tree appears to be in good health and is not causing damage to the building.
3. 16" Pine in front of 3202 Greenleaf Blvd. - due to confusion over the location of the tree members tabled a decision on removal. The request will be expedited once the tree has been identified and tagged.

#### **Ira, 4019 Old Field Trail**

Request to remove 12" Cherry at the edge of their property near the corner of Old Field Trail and Katydid Lane. This request arrived too late for member review. It will be handled as an expedited request after the meeting.

#### **City right of way, by lower tennis court**

Karl and Todd Pryor, City Forester, reviewed trees previously approved for removal. During this review Todd identified another dead Oak for removal. The removal was approved. Tree will be replaced by the city.

### **Architectural Change Requests**

#### **Sherry Abraham, 4016 Old Field Trail**

Members reviewed the new materials submitted. While lacking a site plan, there were no other objections. Prior to EARC approval, Ms. Abraham must submit her actual Building Permit application for review.

#### **Dave Walker, 3814 Old Field Place**

Mr. Walker proposes removing a small deck at the rear of his condominium and replacing it with a larger deck with a sunken hot tub. Mr. Walker has already received permission from the condo association for the project. Members reviewed the material submitted by his builder detailing the project. The committee had no objections. Prior to EARC approval, Mr. Walker must submit his actual Building Permit application for review.

### **City tree removals and replacements and trimming**

Karl met with Todd Pryor to discuss replacement tree species and placement. Todd will be overseeing the planting in the Spring of 2011 and will be planting 20 trees to replace the 10 the city has/will remove this winter. Karl also reviewed trimming with Todd. The City will trim along right of way to improve driver vision and pedestrian safety. Brush and limbs can be trimmed up to 14' high over the roadway. Of special interest are the areas around street lights.

## **PHCA Requests**

### **Shoreline buffer area**

At its September 2 meeting the PHCA directed the EARC to develop a maintenance guideline for the shoreline around Willow Lake. EARC members proposed working on this during the winter.

### **Natural planting education**

At its September 14 meeting the PHCA directed the EARC to develop guidelines related to understanding the process of naturalizing plantings. EARC members are unclear about what is being requested and will ask the PHCA Board for clarification.

## **Proposed EARC procedures**

The EARC will recommend to the PHCA Board that:

1. The EARC schedule a meeting for each month of the year. If there are no agenda items, the meeting will be cancelled.
2. Members who will be absent for extended times be allowed to participate, as much as possible, electronically. If a matter requiring action comes before the EARC and a quorum cannot be established or members are split on a decision, the matter will be turned over to the PHCA Board for resolution.

## **Consulting Budget**

The EARC will recommend that \$7,500-9,000 be budgeted in 2011 for consulting services.

## **Conclusion:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35

Due to the Holidays, the November and December meetings will be scheduled for a week earlier than normal. Next meetings schedule for :

Wednesday, November 17, 3:00 pm, Clubhouse library

Wednesday, December 15, 3:00 pm, Clubhouse library

Mickey Cook, EARC Secretary