

Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District Advisory Committee
Home of Jane McWhorter, 4044 Nottingham Court
Minutes – 7 PM Monday, October 7, 2015

Present: Jane McWhorter, Joyce Estes, Richard Tirrell, Brigit Rickert (inspections), and Jen Pollard as HPOA Board Liaison. The Committee is operating without a chair.

Absent: Bob Schussel, Paul Norberg, Kathy Wildermuth, Allen Yeap and Byrne Conley

Hiddenbrooke Maintenance District Advisory Committee (HMDAC)

Including St. John’s Mine Road except for Erosion Control handled by Chris Brittle

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Jen Pollard, Board Liaison

The committee members agreed to the following:

1. **Minutes:** No one volunteered to take minutes so the committee decided to not provide minutes. Joyce Estes volunteered after the meeting to take the minutes and provide agendas going forward as the minutes are critical to keeping the committee members informed as not all members are able to attend meetings.
2. **Landscape Designer:** Jane McWhorter was appointed to lead out on the following landscape projects on Hiddenbrooke Parkway:
 - Entrance median where which has dead lawn
 - Median across from the 18th fairway – just South of Bennington Drive
3. **Pear Tree Blight** – Committee decided to concentrate on the Parkway and at this time not to replace the dying Pear Trees on Waterfall Way, Rush Creek and Washburn that are on HMD land. Joyce reported that Don Burton said that Coast might be willing to remove groups of three trees and replace with 24” box Morning Flory Maple for \$2,000. We have approximately 20 trees on HMD land so this could be a \$14,000 bill. \$Also \$2,000 is what Coast charged Joyce Estes to remove and replace the three HMD trees across from her house.

4. **Tree Trimming Invoices** were approved from Coast Landscaping for \$ **27,435 to trim 303 trees**. Joyce explained that these were very reasonable costs and that the price varied based upon the size of the trees and are in line with what we have spent in prior years. It costs more to trim trees in the median because they have to set up and remove safety cones, etc.

Provide structural pruning on 82 Oak trees and 47 Olive trees at \$85	\$10,965
Provide structural pruning on 18 Oak trees and 10 Olive trees at \$145	4,060
Provide structural pruning on 70 Oak trees and 76 Olive trees at \$85	12,410

5. **Median at Entrance:** The following invoice as corrected below was approved from Coast Landscaping for the median at the entrance to Hiddenbrooke. Work to start within the next two weeks.

Coast Landscape Management will provide all the labor and material necessary to perform agreed scope of work.

Work will be performed on median along Hiddenbrooke Pkwy

a)- Remove aprox 2100 sf of sod and one Olive tree.	\$2,375.00
b)- Install aprox 873 sq ft of cobble around perimeter (2 ft from curve)	\$16,587.00
c)- Install (45) 5 gal Carpet roses (4) 36" box Arbutus Unedo "Multi" and (1) 36" box Olive tree.	\$6,030.00
d)- Convert existing overhead irrigation system to a drip irrigation system	\$2,800.00
e)- Install (17) yards of bark	\$1,190.00

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of

Twenty eight thousand nine hundred and eighty two dollars

\$28,982.00

6. **Median across from the 18th green** on Hiddenbrooke Parkway was discussed and Jane will be working on it.

SIZE: Burton measured it as 470 feet long, of which 350 feet is 23 feet wide and 120 feet is 8 feet wide so this is 9,010 square feet. Best guess of cobblestone is that we have approximately 960 lineal feet or 1,920 square feet so use 2,000 for estimate.

Assuming we like the cobblestone work at the entrance, we might consider it for this project even though it will be expensive...maybe \$40,000. The City will no longer allow us to landscape the outside 2 feet of the median (safety requirement) and so if it isn't cobblestone, it will probably always have weeds and be an eyesore. So with sod removal running about \$1 a square foot and some trees and plants, and new irrigation, we could be spending \$60,000 plus on this project. The committee would like to use some evergreen trees with some shrubs, possibility Golden Breath of Heaven. The tree needs more research. (On 10/15 Joyce asked Sergio to make some tree recommendations for this area. He will check out some magnolia trees that are doing well in Vallejo at an apartment building.)

Golden Breath of Heaven – Can spread 4 to 6 feet wide

Minimum six feet on center



7. **Sycamore Trees:** Committee discussed the need to start to replace Sycamore trees on Hiddenbrooke Parkway and decided we should start with a trial section of the Hiddenbrooke Parkway from the trail head to the Grove. The Grove is light pole 21 – 24 so the trial area is approximately light pole 15 – 21 and is approximately 15 Sycamore Trees to be removed. Committee is considering having one evergreen tree and one deciduous tree which will probably be a Crepe Myrtle. Jane to get the actual name and size of the tree and colors to choose from.

Here is the current layout in this area. Keep in mind that the Grove is light poles 21-24. Each line is currently one value.

Water Value	Pole		Pole		Pole
11	21	●	●	●	20
		Remove/replant			
12	20	●	●	●	19
13	19	●	●	●	18
				Outbound	
14	18	●	●	●	17
				MPH Sign	
				Missing	
15	16	●	●	●	16
				Tree	
]] Trail Head	

● This denotes a current tree.

8. **Budget:** Committee discussed that we could spend more than \$100,000 on the above projects. Joyce felt this was reasonable since we have so much deferred maintenance and over \$1 million in reserves. As we get closer to December, we may need to ask Burton to approve the transfer of more funds from the reserve account to cover this. The other option is to ask the Hiddenbrooke Improvement District to fund some of the improvements as their reserves is larger or use some of the \$300,000 that was budgeted for Utility Corridor Capital Improvements.

9. **Welcome Center Report** was made by Richard Tirrell. He reported that a representative of Universal Protection Services (UPS) will be meeting with the Vallejo PD to clarify what communications can occur with UPS when they come in on a call.

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