

Center Green Board Meeting - June 17, 2015 Meeting Notes

- Present at the meeting were Shane Julias, Ed Stayer, Jim Dimmick, Audrey Nelson, Jim Hoerlein, and Becky Ruttenberg.
- We discussed the willow stump at the corner of 47th street and Kings Ridge. We have made progress improving the visibility. The willow shoots have been removed, the 80 in. tall section of the stump had been cut to 50 in. and the 55 in. tall section of the stump had been cut to 35 in. Taddiken had stopped at that point due to encountering a metal object somewhere in the tree. But the visibility from a car driver stopped at the Stop sign looking North onto 47th street is still poor. Here are two photos taken from that position:



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The recent photo shows a car partially hidden by the stump. To be legal for a sight triangle, both sections of the stump should be 30 in. or lower. Since we had already paid Taddiken to fully cut the stump down to ground level, Jim D talked to Josh and he agreed to do more cutting. Audrey will continue to follow up with Josh to do more work done on the stump.

- We had a discussion of the four evaluations done of the two Siberian elms in the CG park. A brief summary of the evaluations: Steven Day - He has a lot of expertise and he clearly said that both trees should be removed as soon as possible. His evaluation was very expensive (\$390 - 9% of our tree work budget). Taddiken - The quote included removing the most damaged tree and the option of removing or pruning the second elm. It was significantly less expensive (\$464) to remove both elms at the same time rather than removing one this year and the other one next year. Josh also felt it was very important to do the cabling on the honeylocust and ash tree in the park this year. Davey Tree - The quote gave the option of removing or pruning both the elm trees. But is also said that both elms are in bad shape. Davey's price for tree removal is much higher than Taddiken's price. Arbor Pro - The arborist said both Siberian elms should probably be removed because they have a lot of physical defects which could lead to problems in the near future.

After some discussion of the 4 evaluations, we had a CG Board vote of the 3 HOA representatives. All three agreed that the most damaged Siberian elm should be removed this year. Two of the three agreed to removing the other Siberian elm tree at the same time. Audrey will proceed to make arrangements to have the trees removed and to have the stump grinding done. We also agreed to do the recommended cabling of the honeylocust and ash tree in the park.

As part of that discussion it was agreed that a section of one of those elm trees will be left in the park as a log that people can sit on. Ed will consult with Audrey on the length and placement of that log. It was also agreed that in the near future, but not this year due to budget constraints, we will be planting some replacement trees in the park.

- We looked at the tree work budget. So far, including the decisions we just made about the trees in the park, we have spent or committed to \$3973 of the \$4349 budget. We have \$376 left in that budget.
- Audrey showed us the first estimate for completing the restoration of the old juniper bush areas on medians 2, 3 and 4. It was \$3375 for cleaning up the areas and for planting sod. Everyone had sticker shock. Audrey is proposing sod instead of vinca to save money. And she will get additional bids to see if we can lower the price. We do not have enough money in the tree work budget or median pruning/fertilize budget to cover all this cost this year. We agreed that we will not use the reserve fund for a non-emergency. It was agreed to have another CG Board meeting in September to see if we have enough money left in the budget (unspent irrigation repairs, less water usage, etc.) to start on this restoration this year. Note to ourselves - in the future, we should make sure we understand the full cost of completion of a project that we have started before we take on new projects.
- We discussed the Noble Park Commons (NPC) proposal for the west end of median #2. One person wanted to see a drawing since he couldn't visualize what was being proposed. The estimated cost is \$3750 to \$4100 for 20 foot section. That amount is close to the full annual CG tree work budget. There was also concern that the proposed landscaping on small section of the median would not fit well with the rest of the Kings Ridge median. To make this section not stand out as unique, we could do similar landscaping on all the old juniper areas in the 3 medians. The cost of that would be approximately \$17000. There was also concern that this kind of landscaping would be expensive to maintain each year. It would be good to get an estimate of the annual maintenance cost before making a decision. Some people had suggested to NPC that a new tree would be a good option. But the NPC Board preferred their proposal. This issue was placed on hold since there is no money left in tree work or median budgets to do this work this year. If we are able to find enough money to start restoration of the old juniper areas of the median by planting sod this year, we won't include median #2 due to the uncertainty of the future plan.
- Jim D pointed out that the CG team is currently very NP2 centric - the CG President, CG Treasurer and CG Manager are all from NP2. Jim D took the job of CG President because at the time no one else was willing to do it (Becky was looking forward to getting off the AG Board). But after being CG President for a year and a half, Jim D would like one of the other HOAs to take on that responsibility - scheduling, running, and documenting the CG Board meetings, keeping an eye on the spending, etc. Shane and Ed discussed the possibility of having a rotating CG presidency. It is assumed that one of them will accept the role of CG President and will schedule and run the September meeting.

Thanks,
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CG Team,

These are the draft of my notes from the CG meeting we had on Feb. 10, 2015. Please let me know if you have any proposed corrections or additions.

Attendance at the meeting was Jim Dimmick, Audrey Nelson, Becky Ruttenberg, Jim Hoerlein, John Vaughan and Brian Sullivan.

List of Action Items

- We should have a CG meeting in August to review the state of the budget and decide what discretionary items can be deferred. Jim D. will be responsible for scheduling the meeting.
- Brian will contact American Family Insurance to see if we can get liability insurance for the CG board and officers. \$1000 was put in the budget but hopefully we can get it for less since this will be an ongoing expense.
- John will contact the owners of the White Rock ditch to let them know we are removing the willow stump at the intersection of Kings Ridge and 47th St. because it is a violation of the City Code on Sight Triangles. Jim D has sent John some photos to the willow stump to aid in that discussion. Money was put in the budget to cover the stump removal and followup herbicide treatments.
- Audrey went over the bids to do some tree cabling and Spring & Fall soil treatments for many of the trees along the median. It was agreed to do that work and money was put in the budget to cover it.
- There is an elm tree in the park that is dying - has lost a lot of its bark. Becky will try to get an independent expert (Kendra Nash?) to evaluate whether the tree need to be removed now for safety reasons or if it can be deferred until next year. Becky will also work with the some Applegreen homeowners to help them understand the situation. Money was put in the budget to remove the tree if it is decided to remove it this year.
- It was agreed that NPC should have a strong input into any changes for medians 1 and 2. John and Brian will be consulting with a landscape architect before making a proposal to the CG board. \$1000 was put into the budget to cover the cost of whatever is decided for the empty space in median 2.
- Jim D is working with St. Vrain to understand if the pine tree spray is effective on the red turpentine beetle. He will also find out if they have a spray that is effective on the spruce beetle. If so, then we will begin spraying the two spruce trees on median 2. Jim D will continue to buy Beetle Block and it put up on the 3 pine trees and this year will also start using Beetle Block for spruce beetles on the 2 spruce trees. Money was put in the budget

to cover spraying and Beetle Block on all 5 trees.

- Jim H will capture the 2015 CG budget decisions on a spreadsheet and send it out as the tentative 2015 budget. This has already been done. The 2015 budget will need to be finalized by the end of March so that billing of the 3 HOAs can be done in April.
- The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District is planning a major dredging of the Wonderland Creek channel East of Foothills Highway. They are planning a public meeting. Brian will let us know when the public meeting is scheduled.

Thanks,
Jim D