

CENTER GREEN HEIGHTS PARK HOA**2022 Annual Review**

Submitted by Audrey DeeDee Nelson November 15, 2022

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CGHP HOA had a successful year in improvements and maintenance:

- Audrey has been meeting with Andrew Holtz from the Forestry Dept. She asked that a dead tree on median three be removed and replaced. The dead tree was an American Linden, and Andrew gave Audrey a choice of what tree will be planted in its place. She decided on a catalpa. Although the medians are part of CGHP HOA, the city has been agreeable to tree removal and replacement.
- Two new trees were planted on medians 3 and 4. There are a few more vacant spots on median three that need trees. We want to maintain the canopy. It improves the appearance of our neighborhood, aids the environment, and enhances property values.
- Sod replacement was completed on median 4. At one time, our medians had several sight lines and unattractive "jungles," which were removed. One of the ungroomed jungles had 4 different varieties of shrubs and tree saplings. Slowly we have been replacing the bald rock spots with sod. We have two remaining, and one is in the budget to be completed in 2023. The final bald spot will be completed in 2024.
- All our juvenile trees are prospering. Our Shumard oak (one of the young trees closest to Kings Ridge Blvd in the park) had its first acorn! A sign of the health of the tree.
- For years, bikes have been riding across our park, destroying the turf, and creating an unsightly path. Many deterrents have been tried, and this year's

plan was successful. In the past, Apple Green homeowners have reported bicyclists pulling the signs up. This year Audrey and Geoffrey used taller signs and rope. It worked.

- Our Spring cleanup, which saved us \$60 hr. in labor costs, tackled the growth along the sidewalk. Thanks to our volunteers.
- Geoffrey used his pole chainsaw to trim and cut branches throughout the park, significantly above the picnic table. Once again, this saves us the cost of an arborist.
- This summer was very hot with little precipitation. Audrey and Geoff water the trees about every week. Although our irrigation system helps, it is not enough for the complete water needs of the trees, especially the young trees.

There will be an open board meeting in Spring 2023 (exact date TBD). Hopefully, it will be held in the park. In case of inclement weather, Audrey will host it at her home. The agenda will include a review of the approved sod replacement, the 2023 budget, the introduction of board members, and the nomination/election of the President.

Please get in touch with Audrey with questions, comments, or concerns.