

**FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS
BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
7:00 pm**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Monfort
Claudia
Margaret R
Joanne S
Shirin W
Carolyn G
Anne M
Thomas D
Debra D
Kristen K

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Frona Adelson
Donald Spamer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dolly Sharma, Recording Secretary, Minutes Services
Adrienne Zaleski, President, Lancaster Landscaping
Carlos Rios, Vice-President, Lancaster Landscaping
Don Brinser, Landscape Architect

CALL TO ORDER

MOTION: Mr. Monfort **CALLED** the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

LANDSCAPE REJUVENATION/LANCASTER PRESENTATION

Mr. Monfort announced this year's landscape rejuvenation project will affect Courts 4, 8, 11, 13, and 15.

Ms. Zaleski suggested we retain the rough schedule we had last year, in which the court walk-thrus are held in mid-April, court designs are proposed and revised in the summer, and the actual landscaping work is done after Labor Day and before Thanksgiving. Mr. Rios and Mr. Don Brinser provided additional comments to the community and answered questions and comments.

Mr. Monfort opened the floor for questions or comments:

- It was noted that people unable to attend the walk-thrus may email the committee with any comments or concerns.

- Mr. Monfort and Ms. Adelson expressed support for developing final plans for each court, instead of using the draft plans and separate changes, in order to facilitate plant removals and installation.
- Margaret R expressed concern about removing mature hollies growing in front of windows. Mr. Monfort noted that each tree is considered individually during the design phase, but that he personally was opposed to removing large mature trees. Mr. Brinser will provide options for each such tree.
- Residents raised the idea of creating a bird or butterfly habitat someplace in the Meadows and raised the traffic islands in front of Court 13 as one possibility. Another option would be in the large grassy area behind several courts. One resident noted any changes in landscaping in the traffic circles needed to be approved by Arlington County.
- Another suggestion was made that we plant more large canopy trees, and not just small ornamental trees.
- A resident mentioned we need to look after the areas where the soil has become compacted, perhaps by removing compacted soil and adding new topsoil and seeds.

OTHER PROJECTS

Mr. Monfort noted Lancaster has submitted a proposal for further pruning of the photinia bushes along Quaker Lane. Unlike last year, this project will include mulching and an anti-fungicide treatment, which should eliminate the fungus affecting the hedge. Mr. Monfort also noted that the Board is looking at some kind of additional screening, either fence slats or landscape fabric. The Committee approved forwarding the proposal to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- Mr. Monfort will schedule the landscaping walk-thrus in Courts 4, 8, 11, 13, and 15. *(Note: after the meeting the court walk-thrus were scheduled for Saturday, April 16th.)*
- Mr. Monfort will forward the photinia hedge proposal to the Board. *(Note: the proposal has been forwarded and approved.)*

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Monfort **MOVED** to approve all the minutes. The motion was **SECONDED** by Ms. Spence and **PASSED** unanimously.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: March 2, 2022 at 7 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Hearing no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:00 pm.