

14 September 2020

## Gardens of the Rio Grande Homeowners Association Board Meeting

**Board Members Present:** Kim Fusselman, Jerry Simon, Marilyn Showalter, Gil Clarke, Chris Bigge

**Others Attending:** Dave Herstedt

The Gardens welcomes new residents Brad and Deb Smith at 400 Laguna Seca.

Sidewalks in the Gardens are meant for walking. The Board inspected the common sidewalks for shrubs or trees that obstruct the sidewalk. Letters shall be sent individually to correct any issues according to CCR landscape policies.

***Be on the lookout for random screws and nails on Garden roads while walking. A few flat tires have been reported recently.***

### The Gardens HOA Treasure Report (Jerry Simon)

#### Bank Accounts (as of 9/12/2020):

Checking	\$28,290.00	
Landscape Checking	\$1,394.69	
Undeposited Funds	\$2,972.00	
Operating Fund		<u>\$32,656.69</u>
CD	\$46,156.19	
Savings	\$10,514.13	
Road Reserve		<u>\$56,670.32</u>
Total All Accounts		<u>\$89,327.01</u>

**Upcoming large expenditures:** None Expected (Road Sealing in cooler weather)

**Notes:** Our CD matures 10/22/20. This is long term heavy road maintenance reserves funds.

Interest rates are way down from when we purchased this note.

### Landscape Report July 2020 (Dave Herstedt)

- All required work was completed

- Mowed only twice in July to promote longer, healthier grass (3 1/2 inches) during July heat. Longer grass reduces water needs and burnout, encourages reseeding and competes more effectively against weeds.
- Five 180 degree Rainbird sprinklers were adjusted to correct over spraying.
- Broken sprinklers and bubblers were replaced in North Commons.
- After several weeks of digging 400 lb stump was removed from the entrance to the South Commons. Stump was taken to ABQ landfill with final expense of \$16.39.
- Small dead ash tree removed from North Common
- Intense weed control in July: emphasis on hand pulling, gas powered weed whacking, spot spraying and application of Scott's weed and feed. All grass areas treated with Scott's product on July 24. Intense effort to remove Goathead weeds on 23rd and 24th throughout South ditch bank, South Common and North Common.
- Contacted MRGCD July 20 regarding abundant ditch weeds; weeds were removed the following day (positive relationship demonstrated).
- Bundle of railroad cross ties (16 ties) were purchased July 20 and installed in the north entrance of the South Common the next day. Nico Dayan, in conjunction with HOA, will employ A & J to install additional landscaping along the entranceway

### **August 2020**

- Continued emphasis on weed removal
- Mowed and trimmed grass: Aug 7, 14, 21, 28
- Irrigation reduced by one day per week
- Removed bag worm nests in Postage Stamp
- Tree debris removed throughout open spaces
- Ordered additional railroad ties (16)

The road patch that was installed at Aloysia and Manhattan has held up well. Two extra bags of Seal Master are on hand. Gate-It corrected an issue that allowed the Manhattan Gate to be slightly pushed open (\$153). Light bulbs were replaced at Manhattan Gate.

### **Total expenses year to date for Landscape Budget (\$2200 of \$3500).**

The Board has approved that Gaylord Paving seal the roads throughout the Gardens as soon as possible. A bid was obtained last year (\$10 – 12 K); Dave will contact and obtain a new bid. Yellow traffic paint will be purchased and caution stripes repainted at Mountain Gate after sealing is complete.

### **Resident Projects for HOA Board Approval**

- Rich and Mary Pat Kraemer                      Spa Installation

*A Board recommendation is that future requests for project approvals be made in person at a Board Meeting when possible.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Bigge

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