

April 19, 2023 Board Meeting report.

To date, most all benches have been relocated. The criteria for placement was to provide a view as well as shade. Some of the benches and tables have been permanently removed because of irreparable conditions.

A wildflower/perennial garden is in the works, This is located on the North end of the office. Our men removed the table and benches as well as dug out and completely removed an old stump. . Rocks have been placed to outline the area along with a walking path through the middle. Perennials have been planted with wildflower seeds scattered which will coincide with their growing season. Plant markers are being made to identify these plants. Also cages have been placed temporary till the plants get established in hopes the rabbits will be deterred. Thank you Bob Djupstrom for leading this project and your donation of a couple plants. The cost of this was \$127. Wildflower seeds were free at the seed library. The border rocks were collected and placed by our awesome committee. In the next two weeks we will be harvesting seeds from the wildflower beds here in the villas and disperse them in the garden. Mary Grgich and I set up a watering schedule for the summer. All these plants and wildflowers are drought tolerant desert plants. Once established, nature will take over.

Another project developing over the summer is to start eliminating some of the grass in the South Pena park. Another committee member, Carol Jacobs, is gathering data and designing a labyrinth. This will utilize the natural lay of the desert and require no water. When all members come together next fall, we will begin working on this project.

Watering the green spaces was cut back to once per day. At this time, in order to retain the grass, we have increased it to twice a day. Consideration to trees and the green areas around the pools is paramount.

Cactus watering schedule.

Remember cactus love being dry. Texas rangers and bird of paradise are desert drought tolerant plants. These do not need to be watered. The monsoons will take be sufficient.

Temps of 80 to 90—once every 3 weeks

90 to 100—every 2 weeks.

100+—once a week.

Non cactus plants need more water especially those in pots. They dry out faster because the pot gets hot. When buying plants, consider drought tolerant plants to conserve water.

The process for any grounds requests is to fill out the paper at the office. I will then process it. Upon approval, you can purchase the plant and our men will plant it and you will care for it. If you leave for the season, it is your responsibility to designate someone to care for it.

Some requests that aren't approved is when well established plants are asked to be removed. If they are not destroying anything, they will not be removed.

Thank you for all your support and positive comments.

Lou Kifer

Landscaping chair.