**Buck Creek Landscaping Committee Minutes. 2022.**

Attending:

Mike, Bill, Ken, Andrew, Julie, Mark, Tory

Committee goal:

To set standards and budget for landscaping Buck Creek property

Developer criteria for what is acceptable without additional assessment and maintenance costs

Estimates of cost

Develop and enforce rules for new landscaping

Reviewing existing rules and regulations and history of landscaping at Buck Creek

Hire an expert, (landscape architect)?

Timeline for a plan

How do we define landscaping?

What would the budget be? Cost effective?

How expensive would it be to consult with a landscape architect to develop a plan?

Presently: you can’t plant something without board approval, which has been subject to various interpretations; currently there are not many rules.

The property is collectively owned and administered by the board.

Ken: Current Gardeners and Tree Maintenance

Christy: cares for the Rock Garden on the embankment below the garage for weeding thatching and mulching. 3 people have worked with her for the past 8 years.

We will ask her to come and look at the overall property to recommend what shrubs and other plantings would enhance the property…and work with us to develop a budget for plants.

Sally: Trims shrubs

Rutsu : Tree Trimmers

Bill: Owners like the lawn. There is a separate meter for water and sewer. Would separate meter for irrigation be a savings?

Plants:

What types of plants will last? Grasses?

What plants are drought resistant?

Julie: Shared an extensive list that she had previously compiled.

Landscaping concerns:

Eliminate junipers ( Fire Hazard)

Tree between building B and the garage. It is a hazard and is leaning, should be taken down Mike: Decision Point. Should we set standards and bring the standards up for ground floor units?

14 Ground floor units. Uniformity Limited common elements for the patios (patio pots OK)

What can be planted next to the patios for

Bill: Improve landscaping along the road and the Buck Creek sign

Assess state of retaining walls

Envision what the property will look like in the future (5-10 years)

Current expenses:

Mike: Lawn major price tag $18,000 ($19,000) Lawn $1,500 per month x 9

Water and Sewer $40,000-we are over budget

Person who trims bushes, grass, sprinkler repairs, waters the beds, Gore Range $12,780

Sally $900.

Christy care for Rock Garden $1,000 weeding, thatching, mulching ( past 8 years) 3 people

Mike: Study the water bill

Andrew: Water rate for irrigation or water usage $26,000 Eagle County Craig is looking into water bill

Bill looked at Water District billing

Next steps:

Walk through property with Christy to assess current landscaping and make suggestions for landscape improvements ( including native Colorado drought resistant plants).

Respectively submitted: Tory