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HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## **Landscape Committee Minutes**

March 09, 2010, 2:15 p.m.

Present:	Bernice Hunt	Antigua Village
	Bill Barsz, Chair	Bahama Village
	Sandy Shugert	Blue Anchor Cay
	Gail Donahue	Green Turtle Cay
	Kathie Kaiwi	Jamaica Village
	John McLawhorn	Kingston Village
	Carla Bacon	Port Royale, Board Liaison
Absent:	Linda Rickman	Montego Village
	Sylvia Brown	Mardi Gras Village
	Donna Love	Trinidad Village

### **1. Water Usage/Cost**

#### **A. Water meter reclassification and size reduction:**

California American Water has agreed to reclassify Cays common area meters to commercial rather than residential which will reduce the monthly service charge on the reclassified meters. California American has also agreed to change out large water meters, where the usage of water is less than the meter capacity, for smaller meters. This will make the new meters more compatible with pipe size and further reduce meter costs, as meter costs are predicated on pipe size and meter capacity. Flow meters are being used to determine which meters are candidates for change.

#### **B. Cal-Sense water bucket installation:**

The newly installed rain bucket will measure rainfall and allow Cal-Sense meters to fine tune water usage and automatically turn off associated controllers during periods of rain.

#### **C. Rebates:**

The California Water Authority doesn't recognize Cal-Am. So no rebate is available through them. Landscape Manager Zottolo will continue to research other rebate possibilities.

### **2. Phase IV and Future Projects**

#### **A. Phase V proposal and design discussion:**

Phase V consists of landscaped areas between the Mardi Gras entrance to Blue Anchor on the south side. The goal is to reduce water consumption. Currently the landscape is primarily turf. The basic idea is to reduce the turf by two thirds. There was discussion that it may cost more than is realistic to modify the current landscaping to a more water-wise solution. Many homeowners like the current landscape and would not appreciate

money spent on a change. It was suggested that we should come up with a design and make it available on the website so homeowners could see the cost to benefit analysis. A decision on renovation is postponed until the potential for water savings can be predicted more accurately by water bills.

B. Artificial turf usage:

***Carla Bacon moved and Bernice Hunt seconded the motion to suggest to the Board, the use of artificial turf around the Homeowner's Office, as a test. The motion carried unanimously.***

C. Phase IV completion

Phase IV is complete however the plants shipped were much smaller than anticipated. It will take longer for them to fill in. Landscape Manager Zottolo was able to negotiate a \$1000 discount for the plants.

**3. 2010/2011 Budgets**

A. Village projects and capital improvements for next fiscal year

Chairman Barsz encouraged all Landscape Coordinators to discuss projects and budget with their respective Directors. There was also discussion on how to assist homeowners with landscape requests; ask them what they'd like and help them to achieve their goals using plants that are suited for our environment. It was suggested that Coordinators advise homeowners to contact Landscape Manager Zottolo for plant suggestions.

**4. Approval of October 13, 2009 Minutes**

***Bernice Hunt moved and Carla Bacon seconded the motion to approve the October 13, 2009 minutes of the Landscape Committee. The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. Other Business**

Sandy Shugert brought up the Calypso Cay marker that is at the head of Spinnaker Way. It seems to have no historical significance other than to act a possible marker for a Village that was never established. Carla Bacon suggested polling Blue Anchor homeowners prior to making a change.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bill Barsz, Committee Chair