



Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
October 13, 2015
6:30 PM
The District
Escarpment Village

Attendees: Matt Moore, Dawn Bowes, Vito DelGatto, Jacquelyn Waldrop, James Agnew, Vince Heinz, and Ron Hruby

I. Call to Order 6:39 PM

II. Review Notes from Last Meeting
Notes were reviewed.

III. Current Issues

a. Advisory Committee Contact Sheet

- i. Update/Correct Sheet – The Committee updated the contact sheet.
Matt Moore will distribute the updated list via email.
- ii. Discuss adding representative from Acre Lots (Joel Dolisy)
The Committee agreed to add Joel Dolisy to the committee.

b. Annual Meeting Follow up

i. Topics from Meeting

1. Crime/Neighborhood Watch

The Committee discussed moving forward with the Neighborhood Watch Program. Dawn Bowes will work on setting up the necessary training for the community. The Committee discussed ways to market to the residents how not to be victim of “Crimes of Opportunity”..

2. Speeding/Speed Control Signage

The Committee discussed working with the City to see if the speed limits in the residential sections could be lowered to 25 mph. Matt Moore will pull more information on this process. The Committee also discussed how to have more enforcement of the speed limits by APD. APD did put on the speed monitoring trailer for a few days, but the Committee would like to see if placed in alternate locations for a longer time. The Committee would like to investigate installing permanent speed monitoring signs. Matt Moore will investigate this process with the City of Austin.

3. Entry Visibility and Intersection Visibility at night



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The Committee discussed the visibility of the entry at night. As this is a TXDOT Road, no additional streetlights can be added, but the HOA can paint reflective paint on the entry curb to make the entry road more visible. Matt Moore and Karen Vaughan will coordinate. The Committee also requested that the areas on either side of the crosswalks across Meridian Park Blvd be painted with red paint to discourage parking in this area.

4. Exit on 1826 Visibility Issues

The Committee discussed the visibility issues at the 1826 Exit. Matt Moore and Karen Vaughan will look into adding a convex mirror to that area to allow for better visibility when existing the community.

5. Playground Fall Zone Material

Matt Moore informed the Committee that the fall zone material under the playground will be refreshed.

6. Area around Playground

The Committee discussed the area outside the playground fall zone area where the sod has died. The Committee discussed several options:

Sod

Crushed Granite

Artificial Turf.

Matt Moore will look into these options and report back to the Committee.

c. Landscaping/Common Areas

i. Irrigation Schedule Issues with Water Restrictions

Matt Moore explained to the committee the Association is having issues getting enough water on the common areas in the window provided by the City (one day a week from midnight to 5 am and 7pm to midnight) due to the size of the systems. Therefore, the Association is maximizing the systems in the time allotted, but grass is still going dormant.

The Committee also looked into upgrading the existing irrigation controller to the new cloud based technology.

The Committee also discussed if it would be feasible to treat the stormwater and store it onsite for irrigation purposes. Matt Moore agreed to provide more information.

ii. Replant of Areas

Due to the water issues, the Association is holding off on replanting the dead and missing plants in the planting beds, but it focusing on Firewise Mitigation clearing in the native areas behind the homes.

iii. Installation of Bear Lake Pedestrian Entry



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The Developer is holding off on this installation due to the current drought and watering restrictions. The Committee suggested going forward with the hardscape installation and waiting on the plant installation. Matt Moore agreed to discuss with the developer and move forward on this plan if possible.

d. Amenity Center

i. Discuss Pool Furniture

The Committee discussed options regarding how to keep the pool furniture from going missing or being broken. The Committee discussed having the porter service put the furniture up each evening and put it back out each morning.

The Committee also discussed replacement furniture. Matt Moore will send out options to the Committee for discussion.

ii. Security/Cameras/Current Incidents

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of installing security cameras at the pool. No final decision was made by the Committee.

iii. Lifeguards/Monitors for next season

The Committee discussed budgeting for Lifeguards or Pool Monitors for next season. This would alleviate issues of non-residents using the pool, assistance in keeping the furniture from being damaged and unescorted underage children at the pool.

e. Neighborhood Issues

i. Car Break Ins/Thefts

This discussion was held under the Neighborhood Watch Topic.

f. Marquee/Flagpoles

i. Discuss any issues on Marquee Sign

The Committee discussed adding a light to the Marquee Sign.

ii. Discuss installation of light on New Flagpole

Matt Moore informed the Committee that a light for the flagpole has been ordered and will be installed in the next few weeks.

g. School Issues

i. Landscape Maintenance

The Committee discussed the poor landscape maintenance on the school site. AISD needs to be notified of the lack of maintenance from multiple fronts, including residents, parents, the HOA and the parent organizations.

ii. Portables

The Committee discussed the possible addition of portables in the future at the School Site. The Committee feels that AISD needs to look at growth models for the school and the need for additional classrooms. The school has a 2nd phase approved to be built, but there is no funding for the construction. The fear of the Committee is the school site will end up with as many portable classrooms as



permanent classrooms. Matt Moore will send the contact info for the AISD Facilities Management and Construction staff to the Committee.

iii. Clearing

Matt Moore explained the HOA is doing Firewise Mitigation on the perimeter of the school site adjacent to the portables at the request of AISD.

h. Other Issues to Discuss

i. Golf Carts on Public Streets

The Committee discussed use of golf carts on the streets in Meridian. If the cart is street legal and driven by a licensed driver, then it can be operated on the public streets. Non-street legal carts or carts operated by non-licensed drivers should be reported to APD.

ii. Addition Pool/Expanded Pool/Future Amenity Lot

The Committee discussed a possible future 2nd amenity center or expanding the existing pool at the amenity center. Matt Moore stated any expansion or future amenity centers would not be funded by the developer, thus would have to be paid for by the Association through the operating budget or a special assessment. Matt Moore agreed to send the current existing amenity center site plan and basic development criteria for any future amenity center to the Committee.

iii. Website/Communication

The Committee discussed ways of better communication. Vince Heinz agreed to become a www.meridianhoa.org administrator and look into the unused functionality of the existing website to see if it could be more effective. Also discussed was changing over to an alternate website or social media platform.

iv. Community Trail/Violet Crown Trail

The Committee discussed the idea of the City extending the Violet Crown Trail to Grey Rock Golf Course and possibly into Meridian. The General consensus was that it would invite the public to the neighborhood. The Committee also discussed a native trail system within the community. Matt Moore agreed to forward the map created by the trails committee a few years ago for review.

v. HOA funded Bear Lake Improvements/Keeping Lake at Constant Level.

The Committee discussed future improvements around Bear Lake once the pedestrian entry is constructed. Discussed were:

- *Picnic Tables*
- *A dock*
- *Improved Trails*
- *Shade Structures*



- *Trash Cans*

The Committee also discussed the option of using the existing well to keep the lake at a constant level, as the level rises and falls depending upon rainfall and inflow into the lake.

IV. Future Meeting Schedule

The Committee will decide the future meeting schedule via email.

V. Adjourn 8:18 PM

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY:

Matt Moore:

- *Update Committee Contact Sheet.*
- *Provide Info on City of Austin Speed Limits, Signage and Speed Monitoring Sign Program*
- *Get Fall Zone Material at playground refreshed.*
- *Get options on area outside of Playground.*
- *Discuss with developer only installing hardscape at Bear Lake Entry*
- *Get options for Pool Furniture sent out.*
- *Send out AISD Facilities and Construction Management Contacts.*
- *Send out Amenity Center Site Plan info.*
- *Send out development criteria for amenity centers.*
- *Send out existing proposed trails map.*

Dawn Bowes:

- *Get Neighborhood Watch Training set up.*

Matt Moore and Karen Vaughan

- *Get reflective paint on the entry curb.*
- *Paint curbs on either side of crosswalks red for 10' each way*
- *Look at installing a mirror at 1826 and Dalea*

Vince Heinz

- *Look at Website functionality for better communication.*