



Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee Meeting #2 Summary

Date: September 27, 2007

Time: 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Del Dios Fire Station
20155 Elm Lane
Escondido, CA 92029

Attendance:

Committee Members Present

Suzette Amon, Del Dios community member
Dave Risoff, Lake Hodges Hills community member
Mike Kratz, Del Dios community member

Committee Members Absent

Peter Jones, San Diego Windsurf Association
Joe Ferguson, Del Dios community member
Georgie Birch, Lake Hodges Native Plant Club

Water Authority Staff

Randy Huber
Gina Molise
Scott Robinson
Kelly Rodgers

Staff Resources

Dick Rol, Foothill Associates

Audience Members

Elvin James, Del Dios resident

Welcome and Introductions:

Senior Public Affairs Representative Gina Molise welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the second Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee meeting. She took attendance, asked Mike Kratz to introduce himself, and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Review of September 8, 2007 Meeting Summary

Molise reviewed the meeting summary, and asked for comments or questions. There were none.

Response to Follow-up Questions

Molise revisited the questions asked during the first landscape committee that were left for subsequent research by the project team. Dick Roll, Kelly Rodgers, Randy Huber and Molise helped answer the questions for the committee.

Review of Landscape Committee Ground Rules

Molise reviewed the landscape committee's ground rules and asked for comments or questions. There were none.

Pre-planting Project Visual Simulation

Dick Rol provided a 90-second computer generated video that simulates the view of person traveling along the Coast to Crest Trail and Lake Drive, within the Lake Hodges Projects construction site. The video demonstrated the view of the un-landscaped project site once construction is complete and identified the areas where the committee's input will aid him in producing and designing the landscape plan.

Review of Initial Landscape Committee Recommendations

Molise reviewed the initial landscape committee recommendations that were captured during the first landscape committee meeting. She asked for comments or questions, and there were none.

Roundtable Reports on New Community Input

Molise explained that community input brought back by the committee members during this meeting would be incorporated the initial list drafted after the first meeting. Molise asked that the committee members share the new recommendations they had compiled from speaking with their respective community members. Risoff, Amon, and Kratz shared their new recommendations and Molise included the additional recommendations to the initial list.

Updated Landscape Committee Recommendations:

The section contains the updated landscape committee recommendations compiled during the first and second committee meetings. These recommendations are summarized into three categories: Goals & Desired Outcomes – Broad Suggestions, Planting Suggestions, and Methods & Means – Detailed Implementation Suggestions.

Goals & Desired Outcomes – Broad Suggestions

- Focus on long term outcome instead of the short term results
- Establish habitat for wildlife, including plants to create butterfly garden – aschlepi fascicularis
- Focus on maximizing survival of landscaping INSTEAD of creating wildlife habitat
- Maximize survival of plantings
- Focus funds and efforts on a visual buffer outside the security fence
- Return the parking lot areas to natives; use local species

Planting Suggestions

- Use minimal or no hydroseeding
- Use plants no larger than 5 gallons to increase survival and reduce costs
- Plant as many sycamores as possible for variety

- Plant trees at the parking lot—provide shade along the shoreline
- Restore wildflowers along Lake Drive (i.e. Indian paintbrush, shooting star and fuschia gooseberry)
- Modify the hydroseed mix according to specific location to ensure maximum wildlife habitat, and ensure maximum survival rate of the germinating hydroseed
- Plant native beavertail cactus outside fence – use local species like opuntia littoralis
- Plant ceanothus on north-facing slopes – use ceanothus verrucosus, ceanothus tomentosus,
- Plant smaller oaks along with larger oaks (to reproduce size groupings observed in nature)
- Use sarcostemma cynanchoides (climbing butterfly plant, for fence hiding and butterflies)

Methods & Means – Detailed Implementation Suggestions

- Investigate irrigation options
- Leave room between the trees at the parking lot for windsurfing boards to be carried to shore
- Use pine or oak mulch around trees
- Use shredded mulch at plant bases
- Use local “A-1 Soils” to support local businesses
- Import Gorilla Hair mulch
- Allow community to review specifications for the landscape contractor
- Relocate security fence located along Lake Drive (to west side of berm)
- Examine the grading plans to identify moisture areas capable of supporting sycamores
- Provide topsoil that can support plants
- Provide the parking lot grading plan
- Minimize visual impact of security fence by installing black fence fabric
- Grade earthen areas near proposed sycamores to collect water for trees
- Provide access for vehicle and foot traffic from parking loop to upper parking area at windsurf area
- Place trees in parking lot for shade
- Place trees (sycamore recommended) near shore on both ends of riprap that will line shore in front of pump station inlet-outlet structure
- Paint crane (currently designated yellow) to minimize its visual impact
- Plant oaks as close together as possible along berm in front of pump station
- Screen structures with coastal live oak—as many trees as possible to hide the buildings
- Plant oaks along Lake Drive by pump station to create tree canopy, like along northern section of Lake Drive
- Provide irrigation at parking lot (perhaps via quickcoupler connection to water supply at pump station to supply water truck, or solar-powered pump from lake)

- Investigate fungicide product to preserve mulch
- Provide educational signage along stretch of trail the Water Authority will restore
- Extend maintenance and irrigation period for new landscaping
- Avoid having fence at parking lot

Identifying Priority Recommendations

Molise provided each committee member with five votes to identify the priority recommendations that the landscape architect should try to incorporate into the landscape plan. Committee members allocated their five votes based on the input each member received from their community. The members had the option using all their votes on a single item or distributing them among several choices. The list reflects the votes cast by the three committee members present during the meeting and by two community members that emailed their votes to Molise after the meeting.

<u>Priority Recommendations</u>	<u>Votes Received</u>
1. Focus on long term outcome instead of the short term results	2
2. Establish habitat for wildlife, including plants to create butterfly garden –aschlepia fascicularis	2
3. Focus on maximizing survival of landscaping INSTEAD of creating wildlife habitat	1
4. Return the parking lot areas to natives; use local species	1
5. Use minimal or no hydroseeding	1
6. Use plants no larger than 5 gallons to increase survival and reduce costs	1
7. Plant as many sycamores as possible for variety	1
8. Plant native beavertail cactus outside fence – use local species like opuntia littoralis	1
9. Leave room between the trees at the parking lot for windsurfing board to be carried to shore	1
10. Import Gorilla Hair mulch	1
11. Relocate security fence located along Lake Drive (to west side of berm)	2
12. Provide topsoil that can support plants	1
13. Provide access for vehicle and foot traffic from parking loop to upper parking area at windsurf area	1
14. Place trees in parking lot for shade	1
15. Place trees (sycamore recommended) near shore on both ends of riprap that will line shore in front of pump station inlet-outlet structure	1
16. Plant oaks as close together as possible along berm in front of pump station	1
17. Screen structures with coastal live oak—as many trees as possible to hide the buildings	2
18. Plant oaks along Lake Drive by pump station to create tree canopy, like along northern section of Lake Drive	3
19. Provide irrigation at parking lot (perhaps via quickcoupler connection to water supply at pump station to supply water truck, or solar-powered pump from lake	1
Total Votes:	25

Follow-up Questions

This section contains questions from the first Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee meeting for subsequent research by the project team. The answers to these questions will be provided during the third committee meeting.

1. Q. Can color of the crane on the Pump Station be modified?

Next Steps

Molise explained that the project team would evaluate each suggestion for feasibility, cost, stakeholder requirements, etcetera, and incorporate workable suggestions into the landscape design. The preliminary design will be presented during the next landscape committee meeting on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Thank You

Molise thanked everyone for the good discussion and participation on the Lake Hodges Community Landscape Committee.