



Design Committee Meeting September 21, 2017 – 4:30 p.m. Minutes

I. ROLL CALL – *Silent*

Committee Members Present

Tracy Mendonsa, Chair
Michael Motroni, Vice-Chair
Daniel Wesp

Staff Present

Greg Bitter, Planning Manager
Derek Ogden, Senior Planner
Tara Gee, Park Planning & Development Superintendent

Committee Members Absent

None

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Mendonsa asked if anyone wished to remove any of the items from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

Hearing none, Chair Mendonsa asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as listed below:

A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2017

MOTION

Committee Member Motroni made the motion, which was seconded by Committee Member Wesp, to approve the Consent Calendar item as submitted.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Mendonsa, Motroni, Wesp

Noes: None

Abstain: None

III. REPORTS: COMMISSION/STAFF

A. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND STREETScape PLANTING

Senior Planner, Derek Ogden, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Chair Mendonsa opened the public hearing and invited comments from the applicant and/or audience.

Public Comment:

- None

Committee Discussion:

- Some cool weather turf should be allowed by the project's water budget.
- Recycled water applications should allow for turf.

- Design Committee does not support the total elimination of turf.
- Committee feels the balance of turf and Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) requirements should be considered.
- Senior Parks Superintendent Tara Gee responded that during the drought turf was not permitted. In addition recycled water is a commodity to be conserved and turf doesn't do as well using recycled water as irrigation.
- Water Conservation Administrator Bobby Alvarez noted that there are appropriate applications for turf such as parks and play areas. However, the days of providing turf within sidewalk planting strips is probably past given current WELO irrigation regulations.
- Design Committee liked the design of the Dutch Brothers landscaping along Sunrise Avenue.
- Sub-surface drip for turf areas is not a viable option due to maintenance issues.
- Plant selection is key as some of native and water conserving plants and turf do not have a long lifespan.
- Education and outreach is a key component of water conservation.

Chair Mendonsa closed the public hearing.

Staff provided this item as informational only. No action required.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Chair Mendonsa opened the Oral Communication. Hearing none, Chair Mendonsa closed the Oral Communication.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mendonsa asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

Committee member Wesp made the motion, which was seconded by Committee member Motroni, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously at 5:10 p.m.