

TREE, BRUSH, NOXIOUS WEEDS AND VEGETATION COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES...FEB. 14, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 1: pm

PRESENT: Larry Raymer, George Miller, Lee Hill, Larry Amundson and Laura Frazier by phone.

GUEST: Jim Romaggi.

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS:

G.V. Williams, committee member will be absent because of his wife's health problems. Bill Johnson has been out of town. Both will not be active with the committee for a while.

POLICY REGARDING TREES ON OR NEAR PROPERTY LINES:

There was a short discussion regarding this policy. Larry Amundson stated that he was not in favor of this because of the cost that could be accrued. Chairman Raymer stated that there had been similar language in the covenants in the past that had been removed. We had a vote on this and it was 4 to 1 in favor of not excepting this new policy.

OCEAN VILLA HEIGHT LIMITATIONS:

Ocean Villa is the area South of 300 and West of K Place to G Street involving approximately 250 lots. There are a small number of these lots that have Surfside water connections. Approximately 4 to 5 months ago the Tree Committee received a tree height complaint from a lot owner who receives Surfside water. The committee was unable to make a decision on how to handle this and referred the issue to the Board. Several weeks ago Kirby Smith, Gil Gonzalez and Larry Raymer met, and at this meeting Kirby asked the Tree Committee Chairman to further look in to this issue. During a short discussion on this, Laura stated that the Chairman should have further discussions with the Board President Kirby Smith on this subject.

LOT OWNER VERSIS LOT OWNER:

This issue was about tree limbs hanging over a neighboring property line. The committee feels that this is not a committee issue but rather a neighbor issue.

TREE REPORT:

The Tree Committee review information on open tree complaints that Laura provided. Chairman Raymer had requests from 3 members to come out to their property. The first was to identify which trees that were over height as stated in a complaint. His trees were measured and found to be over height. At that time the owner cut down the trees.

Number 2 was also a tree over height complaint. The trees were over height. The owner stated that he had been using an arborist from Astoria that stated that he could no longer trim or top his trees as it was going to kill them. This is tree care information that the Tree Committee has provided to the members

in seminars and at an annual meeting.

The 3rd complaint was also tree height. The tree was measured and determined that the tree was about 2 feet over height. The member asked if it would be OK to remove the tree this summer because he would be removing the tree for construction of a garage? Chairman Raymer said that would be ok. No problem.

NOXIOUS WEEDS:

In our discussion to have a pro-active program, it could create a possible property value issue because of the large number of lots involved that have noxious weeds. Chairman Raymer stated that since we do not have anyone qualified to make judgments or recommend a course of action. This is a State and County issue, and they have the expertise needed.

Laura asked if it would be OK to proceed with documentation to have the noxious weeds language removed from the covenants? The committee agreed unanimously.

ADJOURN : 2:25 PM