

Saddle Creek Community Services District

Special Meeting of September 14, 2017

AGENDA SUPPORTING DATA

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- b. Discussion and action to establish general Board direction on the **long term** landscape project expectations including:
 - Approving the process for identification of the project, its cost, benefit, timing, phasing, financial feasibility and public support
 - Establishing the roles, responsibilities and authority of the landscape ad-hoc planning committee

Recommended Motion

I move to approve the process for identification of the Long Term Landscape Project, its cost, benefit, timing, phasing, financial feasibility and public support; and establishing the roles, responsibilities and authority of the Landscape Ad-hoc Planning Committee.

Background

Staff seeks direction from the Board on its goals relative to the Long Term Landscape Improvement Project, previously also referred to as the Drought Tolerant Landscape Project. As discussed in the prior agenda item, replacement of the drought damaged turf is costly and the need for its replacement will most certainly occur again during the next drought cycle. Measure A, approved by the Saddle Creek voters in May 2017 contained approximately \$52,000 per year in funding to plan, design and install a drought tolerant landscape in the areas of drought damaged turf; primarily along the road edges from the entrance gate to Oak Creek Dr. All medians were envisioned to be converted to new drought tolerant landscaping, replacing the turf prohibited by the state.

Hearing some confusion and opposition in the community, the Board also chose to defer the implementation of the Long Term Landscape Project until the Board could determine the actual project cost, level of benefit received, and overall public support for this large investment of public tax dollars. The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the structure and process to inform the Board's decision in this matter. A flow diagram is attached containing the recommended process.

Board President Hoffman has also appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to work with staff and assist the Board in this decision by evaluating options and making landscape design recommendations. At the August 15, 2017 Board meeting the Board also approved for the GM to hire a landscape architect to assist in the evaluation of design options and provide professional guidance in landscape component selection, irrigation design, water savings and cost estimating, and all related areas outside of the expertise of staff and the committee. The process proposed on the following page assists the Board in defining the roles and responsibilities of the AdHoc Committee as well.

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Long Term Landscape Renovation and Improvement Project

Development and Approval Process

The purpose of this report is to clarify the Board’s project expectations, staff and Ad Hoc Landscape Committee Roles relative to the planning, design and implementation of a long term landscape project. As detailed below, the Committee may seek the hourly assistance of an architect to develop the design criteria and objectives.

