

Fairwood Village Association

Board Meeting

Friday, July 31, 2020

On Site of Tree Trimming between Dogleg Lane and Par Four Court

Off of Par Four Court Entrance in FVA Common Area

Meeting was called to order: By FVA President Joe Vozarik at 10 AM. There was a determination of a quorum by Joe of the board members and members. Joe thanked everyone for attending. COVID social distancing and mask rules were in effect.

Board Members in attendance: President Joe Vozarik, Vice President/Landscaping John Griffith, Vice President Rick Roehrenbeck, Treasurer Rob Hamilton and Secretary Victoria Barri.

Members in attendance (in lot order sequence): Dave Cunningham, Cynthia Durham and Erika Mayfield.

Purpose of Meeting: To determine the best way to move forward to remediate the recent tree trimming that was done in the FVA Common Area between Dogleg Lane and Par Four Court. All members in attendance went into the area trimmed in order to have an understanding of the situation. There were two trees that rather than being topped were approximately two thirds gone with many dead interior branches.

Several members felt that the recent trimming was an eyesore, and the members that had requested the trimming were in agreement.

Unfortunately, when the tree trimming was started, two of the four members requesting the trimming were out of town and could not supervise. Therefore, there was an unexpected and less-than-desireable result.

Note: The tree trimming is NOT being paid for by the HOA and is the sole responsibility of the four members requesting the trimming. The request was made to improve their view. Each home has a slightly different view.

There was a concerned discussion as to various options that were available in moving forward to correct the current situation.

Some comments and ideas presented were:

It was noted that these Douglas Fir Trees absorb a lot of water and help to stabilize the bank.

It was noted that originally (25+ years ago) they were planted too close together.

So far, only two trees in the group of several trees have been trimmed.

Erika Mayfield asked about the trees becoming “nurse trees”. This is common in the Pacific Northwest, in which a new tree grows out of the base of an older tree. The discussion resulted in the opinion that this was not feasible.

Joe Vozarik noted that the trees had been top previously, in that there were two trunks coming out of the base of the trees.

There were questions about the tree trimmers credentials. The FVA CC&R’s require any work done in our Common area be done by “licensed and bonded” contractors.

Questions were asked about who might have a “licensed and bonded” contractor contact. John Griffith/VP Landscaping said he has used a licensed arborist in the past for a review of his own property and has his contact information at home.

After much discussion, the general consensus was that the two trees that had been trimmed needed to be cut to the ground. Then there was a discussion of replacement trees. Alders were felt to be opportunistic trees and not appropriate. Joe offered a cedar. They are fast growing and would help with the slope stability. Members felt that that was something for the future, and we needed to focus on the current remediation.

Dave Cunningham discussed “windowing” and “skirting” of trees, which he is familiar with from his previous community at Kala Point. He showed the group a picture of what he was recommending moving forward. He expressed his desire to correct the current situation, as did Cynthia Durham and Rob Hamilton.

Cynthia expressed an interest in seeing views of the past of Whidbey Island and the cruise ships. It was noted that even with the proposed trimming, that other trees in other neighborhoods on the horizon would impede the view.

John Griffith our VP/ Landscaping: offered several options of how we could move forward. One of which was do nothing, and that was immediately rejected. The other options were then discussed. There was agreement among members that the two trees that were initially cut needed to be cut to the ground.

John Griffith VP/Landscaping made a Motion:

- 1.) His motion was to, at a minimum, to cut down the two initially trimmed trees to the ground, remove all branches/debris and with the understanding it would be paid for by the four members requesting the initial trimming at their expense.
- 2.) The four members requesting the initial trimming would meet and discuss what they would like to have done moving forward, with expenses to be paid by the four members. Their discussions could include finding out costs of future “interior limbing”, “windowing” and/or “skirting” of tree branches.
- 3.) After their meeting they would get back to the Board with regard to how they would like to proceed.

This Motion was seconded by VP Rick Roehrenbeck.

Vote on the Motion: Four members of the board voted in favor and Treasurer Rob Hamilton recused himself. The motion passed.

Adjournment: At 10:44 AM a motion to adjourn was made by John Griffith and seconded by Joe Vozarik. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: FVA Secretary- Victoria Wagner Barri