

Landscape Committee report

Andy and Adrian drove through Magee Ranch on 8/23/24. Overall, our landscaping seems to be surviving the hot summer. Not necessarily THRIVING, but surviving. Our irrigation system is a patchwork of different pieces installed and repaired over our approximately thirty year existence! The particularly hot months of July and early August have been a strain. We can expect increasing expenses to maintain and improve our irrigation as we strive to keep our water use reasonable. The following topics were discussed in more detail:

OLD BUSINESS

1. GHAD. Adrian is eager to get to work on cleaning out our detention basin in preparation for the winter rains. He has submitted a bid to do this. We are waiting for ENGEO to designate this work as necessary, then will proceed with the bidding process.
2. Magee Ranch Rd. and Crownridge Drive. Adrian has replaced two pepper trees and numerous carpet roses that have died over the last year or two. He is doing this under warranty at no charge to us.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leaking valve boxes at Magee Ranch Rd. and Brightwood Circle. Roots from our pear trees are invading our valve boxes and a labor intensive fix is needed. Adrian has agreed to charge for the cost of replacing the valve boxes and not charge for the labor to cut out the large roots. Overall this will cost approx. \$1500.
2. There is an HOA landscape easement between houses on Sunglen providing access to the hillside. Several large oaks have overgrown this area and may be endangering the neighboring houses. Adrian agreed to do some extensive pruning of these oaks to make the situation safer and improve the appearance.
3. Creek beds at the front entrance. Our creek beds were cleared of brush and some of the crowded trees a few years ago. Anyone who has walked this area can attest to the tremendous improvement that made. It is time to do some additional cleanup. Adrian is submitting a bid for this work.
4. New control valves. There are four main control valves in Magee Ranch. Adrian has suggested replacing these valves with modern valves connected to the internet. Many if not most larger communities are doing this. Advantages—real time tracking of water use allows better detection of leaks and better adjustment of water use to the weather. Adrian tells me the price from the manufacturer has been significantly reduced. He is submitting a bid.
5. Pear tree project. Our pear trees need some attention. During the hot spell, several large branches came down fortunately without any significant damage. Branches overhanging Blackhawk Road could be a safety issue. Adrian is submitting a bid for pruning of all our pears and the removal of at least three that are dead or nearly so. Adrian is also suggesting conversion to a drip system from the present spray along Brooktree to lower water use.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Rodgers
Chair of Landscape Committee