



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

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TRAILS AND LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

[CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE]

MONDAY, August 30, 2010

7:00 p.m.

*Hoyer Hall at the CLAYTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA 94517*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Erich Kelly Marshall
Lorraine Mole Jake Pauline
Virginia Siegel- Chair Bob Steiner
Mayor Hank Stratford (Ex-Officio)

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*** TRAILS AND LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE ***

AUGUST 30, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – Chairperson Siegel.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** new Trails and Landscape Committee members

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar items are typically routine in nature and are considered for approval by the Committee with one single motion. Members of the Committee, Audience, or Staff wishing an item removed from the Consent Calendar for purpose of public comment, question or input may request so through the Chair.

- (a) Approval of Action Minutes from the Committee regular meeting of May 17, 2010.
- (b) Quarterly report from Public Works Department outlining District maintenance tasks and services performed in the last three months. *Informational only*
- (c) Status update of the hardscape pavers project for median island “noses” on Oakhurst Blvd (from Clayton Road to City Limits) *Informational only*
- (d) Status update of the Marsh Creek Circle berm replacement landscaping and fence for auto light glare. *Informational Only*
- (e) Status update on Irrigation and Evaluation project. *Informational only*
- (f) Status update on re-landscape project at the Clayton Fountain Water Feature area (Oakhurst Blvd/Clayton Road intersection). *Informational only*

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

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Public comment and input on Public Hearing, Action Items and other Agenda Items will be allowed when each item is considered by the Committee.

5. **CONTINUED/OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) Verbal status update on “Adopt-a-Trail” Program for the Landscape Maintenance District.
(Committee members Siegel and Mole)

6. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) City Council referral to TLC for review of request by Clayton resident to increase the frequency of cutting weeds along the trails.
Recommended Action: Provide comments and response to request
- (b) Review of concept to use/accept donated chips in landscape areas (both medians and non median – edge of roadway)
(Maintenance Supervisor Janney)
Recommended Action: Provide comments and direction or recommendation.
- (c) Review of request to consider roadway medians and plants to be more colorful; use of more flowering type landscaping.
(Maintenance Supervisor Janney)
Recommended Action: Provide comments and direction.
- (d) Consideration of establishing a subcommittee to work on the Annual Report, which covering FY 09/10 ending June 30, 2010.
(Chair Siegel)
Recommended Action: Select Subcommittee members
- (e) Review of updated TLC brochure
(Asst. to the City Manager Hoffmeister)
Recommended Action: Provide comments and/ or accept.
- (f) Selection of Vice Chair for remainder of 2010

7. CORRESPONDENCE – review of incoming and outgoing correspondence *Informational Only*

- (a) Downtown planter boxes irrigation
- (b) Bushes Atchison Stage/Clayton Rd intersection sight obstruction
- (c) Weeds along road edge Mitchell Canyon Road
- (d) Tree branches along trail abutting Gold Rush Ct. fence
- (e) Broken Spilt Rail fence back of Shell Ln/ Oakhurst/Clayton Road
- (f) Peacock Creek entry sign letters falling down
- (g) Regency Drive entry median
- (h) Shrubs blocking sidewalk Peacock Creek Drive
- (i) Caulfield Drive fence abutting open space along Cardinet Trail
- (j) General Detailed response regarding Doggie Mitt stations and trash cans along trails

8. **COMMITTEE ITEMS** – limited to requests and directives for future meetings:

- (a) Next/Future Clayton Pioneer TLC column ideas – Chair Siegel
- (b) Assignment of Committee Report to the:
 - City Council at its Tuesday Sept. 7, 2010 meeting
- (c) Future meeting dates – ????; November 15, 2010
- (d) Future Agenda Items:
 - Annual Report for FY 2009/10
- (e) Committee Member communications
- (f) Staff Communications/Announcements

9. **ADJOURNMENT**– The Committee's next regularly-scheduled meeting is anticipated to be Monday ??????? at 7:00 p.m. in Hoyer Hall, Clayton Community Library. Please contact the City Clerk at 673-7300 to verify actual date.

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ACTION MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
TRAILS AND LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE
[Citizens Oversight Committee]

May 17, 2010

1. COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Jerry Kosel at Hoyer Hall Community Meeting Room at the Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA.

Committee Members present: JoAnn Caspar, Victor Geisler, Jerry Kosel(Vice-Chair), Kelly Marshall, Lorraine Mole, Vice Mayor Hank Stratford (ex-officio Member).

Committee Members absent: Robert Erich, Virginia Siegel (Chair)

Staff present: Asst. to the City Manager Laura Hoffmeister, Maintenance Supervisor Mark Janney.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

(a) Approval of Action Minutes from the Regular Committee meeting of February 8, 2010.

(b) Quarterly report from Public Works Department outlining District maintenance tasks and services performed in the last three months.

Motion by Committee member Mole, seconded by Committee member Caspar. Motion passed.
(vote: 4-0 -abstain Geisler)

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jake Pauline a Clayton resident introduced himself, he has applied for consideration to be on the Trails and Landscape Committee, and came to observe. He came to the last meeting as well. His family this past year adopted a portion of the Cardinet Trail in the Adopt-A-Trail program.

4. CONTINUED BUSINESS

(a) Verbal status report on "Adopt-a- Trail" Program for the Landscape Maintenance District.

Committee member Mole stated that she had contacted Diamond Terrace to see if they would be interested especially as a financial sponsor, and they were not interested. She will contact the Garden Club to see if they are interested. She has not received any formal responses from the current adopters but BD Electric/Pauline Family want to renew; other renewals are further out but all contacted and it appears most all are interested in renewing and provided positive feedback. Chair Siegel was not present and it is not known if she made contact with Safeway or Cemex, if not Committee member Mole would follow up. Committee member Mole indicated that since many of the time frames for renewal are further out she would hopefully have more information by the next meeting.

(b) Verbal report of the TLC Adopt-A-Trail information table at the Clayton Cleans Up even held on April 26, 2010.

Committee member Mole reported that she and Chair Siegel staffed a table that had the TLC brochures, and Adopt-A-Trail information including large diagram of the Landscape District, the Trail map, and application for adopting, along with T-shirts. Many people stopped by and they handed out several packets of Adopt- A-Trail information. Overall they felt it was a good way to have some outreach and presence to the community.

(c) Verbal status update of the Subcommittee work on the landscape area at the Clayton Fountain (Oakhurst Blvd/Clayton Road intersection)

Committee member Marshall noted that she provided information on drought tolerant type grasses that are more natural and native. Maintenance Supervisor Janney stated that the next steps would be for the City to prepare drawing plans that are more detailed – at construction level. Committee member Marshall stated that she would be willing and would like to prepare a suggested plant list that could be used for the area, however she would like some additional committee members to assist her. Committee members Caspar stated she would be willing to help.

(d) Consideration of hardscape material/color options for median island “noses” on Oakhurst Blvd. (from Clayton Road to City Limits).

Maintenance Supervisor Janney presented color options to the Committee members providing actual materials/samples for review. It was noted the TLC preferred color information would be provided to the City Council at the time they consider the project and funding. The committee members preferred the color that had a more natural appearance and not the dark charcoal grey or light tan.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Consideration of establishing a subcommittee to work on the Annual Report which would be completed in August 2010, covering FY 09/10 ending June 30, 2010.

Chair Siegel was absent and Vice Chair Kosel and Committee member Caspar and Geisler, noted that they would not be re-applying for the TLC and their terms would be up in June. Committee member Marshall also stated that her term would be up, she has not decided if she would be re-applying. By consensus the Committee members continued this item to the next TLC meeting for consideration. At that time they would have new members.

(b) Discussion of preliminary proposed Landscape Maintenance District Budget for FY 10/11.

Asst. to the City Manager Hoffmeister presented an overview of the draft budget, noting that the revenues are not expected to increase much over last year due to the low CPI factor. Maintenance Supervisor Janney reviewed the details of the Maintenance staffing and use of

seasonal has kept labor costs low. And that the drought last year reduced water use and thus water costs were less, however since the water rationing is lifted more traditional water costs are included in the draft budget. Committee members thanked staff for the budget detail and information and felt that it was a good and accurate draft to provide to the City Council.

Motion by Committee member Geisler, to recommend to the City Council the draft budget as present by staff, seconded by Vice-Chair Kosel. Motion passed (vote 5-0)

(c) Discussion of Landscape District proposed Deferred Maintenance Projects.

Maintenance Supervisor Janney reviewed the proposed use of \$260,000 from the Landscape District budget reserves for improvements to the Landscape District, for 7 projects. Replacement of the median noses landscape on Oakhurst Blvd with decorative pavers; replant marsh creek circle landscape berm; replace lawn with other plants on Jeffry Ranch Ct.; replant at the water feature; replant infill existing landscape areas; remove, replant and trim street trees on Keller Ridge Dr; and extra tree trimming city wide.

Committee members felt the list was a good use of some of the reserves, noting enough reserves would be retained for needed cash flow. That all these projects were one time projects, and the median nose pavers would reduce labor and water costs in the long run.

Motion by Committee member Geisler, seconded by Vice-Chair Kosel, to recommend to the City Council the use of \$260,000 of Landscape Maintenance District reserves for the 7 projects. Motion passed. (vote 5-0)

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *review of incoming and outgoing correspondence.*
None.

7. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**

(a) Next/Future Clayton Pioneer TLC column ideas:

Committee Chair Siegel was absent so this item. No members had any suggestions at this time.

(b) Assignment of Committee Reports:

City Council May 18, 2010: - No Committee member would be able to attend. Council Liaison Mayor Stratford stated he could cover the briefing.

CBCA May 27, 2010 meeting: – None. It was determined that this would be dropped from future agendas. There are some of the TLC committee are also members of the CBCA and occasionally attend the CBCA meetings. The CBCA has modified its own agenda and there is time at the end of the meeting to announce items of interest by other organizations. This could be used when there is something of importance to report. Otherwise there is not a reporting person needed.

(c) Future agendas to include:

- Adopt a Trail subcommittee status report.
- Consider establishing subcommittee for the FY 09/10 Annual Report preparation
- Status report of the Water Feature Project
- Status of the median noses project
- Status of Marsh Creek Rd/Marsh Creek Circle berm re-landscape project
- Status of the Irrigation Assessment project

(d) Future meeting dates:

The next meeting was suggested to be set after the new TLC members have been chosen. Most continuing Committee members have vacations planned in July. Staff would send out an email once the new committee members are selected, target date would be August 16th.

(e) Committee member communications:

None.

(d) Staff Communications:

Applications for TLC are due Friday June 4, 2010. There are four members terms expiring, and of those, three have stated at this meeting (Kosel, Caspar, Geisler) they are not re-applying.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Upon call by Chairperson Siegel, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

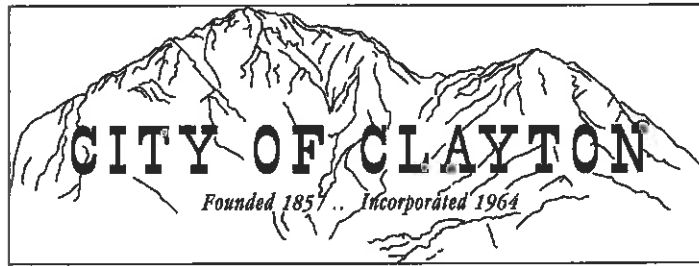
Laura Hoffmeister, Asst. to the City Manager

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE

Virginia Siegel, Chairperson

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 3(b)



**CITY MAINTENANCE
QUARTERLY REPORT
UPDATE
TRAILS AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT
5/15/10 to 8/25/10**

- Completed the second trim of the landscape for the last fiscal year and started on the first trim of fiscal year 2010/11. The following areas have been trim over the past quarter; Old Marsh Creek Road, Oakhurst Drive, Eagle Peak Ave, Clayton Road inbound from city limits to Mt Zion, and Clayton Road out bound from Library to Mitchell Canyon Road.
- Spot spray herbicides and pull weeds in the Landscape District Citywide
- Sprayed broad leaf herbicide on the lawns in the Landscape District
- All irrigation systems are turn on and we continued to make repairs to the irrigation systems within the Landscape District.
- Completed the weed abatement for fire breaks in the Landscape Districts open space. Work was completed by the end of June.
- Completed more contract work on trimming trees along Clayton Road from City Hall to Mitchell Canyon Road. Also trim the median trees on Clayton Road from City limits to El Camino Drive.
- Started the bricking of noses along Oakhurst Drive. We have removed the remaining plants and dug the soil out in preparation for the installation of base rock, sand, and brick.
- Started the irrigation inventory and evaluation report with field testing of irrigation systems to gather all needed information for the report.

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 3(c)



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee

From: Maintenance Staff

Date: August 30 2010

Re: Oakhurst median noses brick pavers project status

Since the last TLC meeting the Clayton City Council has approved the budget monies for the installation of brick pavers in the Oakhurst medians that were recommended by the TLC at its May 17th meeting. Since approval by the City Council the Maintenance department has look to install the pavers within this budgeted amount. To achieve this Staff decided to do some of the work in house, this includes the following:

- Removing the existing plant material and ten inches of dirt.
- The installation of base rock
- The installation of a concrete curb between the existing landscape and brick.
- Purchase of the pavers

At this time the area to be brick have almost all been dug out to ten inches below grade. The next steps will be to install base rock, concrete the curbs, and then hire the brick installer.

Staff feels this project should be completed by the end of September and on budget.



City Maintenance Staff and Seasonal Workers preparation of Oakhurst Median Noses for decorative hardscape treatment July 30 2010

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 3(d)



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee

From: Maintenance Staff

Date: August 30 2010

Re: Marsh Creek Circle Replanting Project Status

Since the last TLC meeting the Clayton City Council approved monies for the replant of Marsh Creek Circle that the TLC had recommended at its last meeting on May 17th. This project will be done by the Maintenance Department starting sometime in October or early November (depending on weather conditions we do not want to plant if it is still extremely hot) and after the start date the job will be completed within three weeks.

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 3(e)



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee

From: Maintenance

Date: August 26, 2010

Re: Irrigation Inventory and Evaluation Project Status

Staff has received the majority of the updated reduced size blue prints from engineering, which will be color coded for easy irrigation identification. These sheets, along with the operating schedules will be laminated and placed in each controller enclosure to assist in our irrigation maintenance.

Over the last 2-3 months staff has begun the long and time consuming task of field inspections of the irrigation components. This includes type, make, model, and location of meters, controllers, control valves, gate valves, flow sensors, quick couplers, master valves, splice boxes, and all sprinkler heads within each system. As we move through the systems we are marking the location, on curb, of all major components.

A major issue involved with this evaluation is to identify all valves that do not have shut-off ball valves. This eliminates the need for draining the entire main line to perform minor repairs on control valve components.

A supplemental landscape evaluation is also being done at this time to determine the condition of the landscaping as it relates to the efficiency of the system. This consists of estimating the percentage of plant loss within each control valves watering area, or each hydro zone. Although many other tasks have limited our ability to continue this project on a regular basis, we hope to have this project completed by the end of this fiscal year.

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 3(f)



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee

From: Maintenance Department

Date: August 26, 2010

Re: Clayton Fountain Water Feature Re-landscape Project Status

Staff has met with landscape designer, Mori Hatsushi, with Mori Hatsushi & Associates Inc., on the renovation of the city's landscaping around water feature located at the corner of Oakhurst Blvd. and Clayton Road. Due to the drought the lawn could not be watered. The TLC and City Council had previously reviewed and agreed to a re-landscape concept plan that would utilize more hardscape and drought tolerant plants. Maintenance Supervisor Johnston has met with Mr. Hatsushi at the site to familiarize him with the type of project and the city's expectations. Mr. Hatsushi was very professional and understood the importance of this type of project and how it reflects upon the community. Mr. Hatsushi has done many commercial projects including landscape and design for municipalities such as the City of San Ramon. He understood the importance of designing a buildable plan, which the city can put out to bid, that includes planting, irrigation, and grading and drainage. He also was knowledgeable on the importance of working with staff to include the city's specifications and plant selections while incorporating them within the design of the concept plan that staff has already prepared. A total of \$70,000 was previously approved for the project by the City Council. A contract with Mori Hatsushi & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$4,900 will be entered into for design plans so the city can put the Re-landscaping of the Clayton Fountain Water Feature out for construction bidding.

Estimated Timeline

Design for bid – September 17th

Bid Opening – October 15th

City Council award of Bid – October 19th

Construction Begins – November 1st

Project Completion - December 10th

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 5(a)

Adopt a Trail

Adopters/Revenues

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor Type</u>	<u>Trail Section</u>	<u>Amount Rec'd</u>	<u>Date \$ Rec'd</u>	<u>Ag. recvd</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Renewal Letter request sent</u>	<u>Renew</u>
Pauline Family Black Diamond Electric	Volunteer Labor Financial	Cardinet Trail (Liberty - Lydia Ln Pk) Cardinet Trail (Liberty - Lydia Ln Pk)	\$200 \$1000	2/3/2009 2/3/2009	Yes	3/1/09 3/1/09			
Jeff Waldron <u>Available</u>	Volunteer Labor Financial Sponsor	Bruce Lee Trail Bruce Lee Trail	\$200	2/3/2009		3/1/09			
Employees of CD Federal Credit Union CD Federal Credit Union	Volunteer Labor Financial Sponsor	Blue Oak Trail Blue Oak Trail	\$200 \$1000	2/9/2009 2/9/2009	Yes	3/1/09 3/1/09			
Kinder Care (Knowledge Learning Center) <u>Available</u>	Volunteer Labor Financial Sponsor	Lower Easley Trail Lower Easley Trail	\$200	4/14/2009		5/1/09			
BSA Troops 262 & 284 <u>Available</u>	Volunteer Labor Financial Sponsor	Donner Creek Trail Donner Creek Trail	\$200	7/28/2009	Yes	7/1/09			
GSA Troops 30429 & 31895 CBCA	Volunteer Labor Financial Sponsor	Cardinet Trail (Lydia Ln Pk - Westwood Pk) Cardinet Trail (Lydia Ln Pk - Westwood Pk)	\$200 (from CBCA) \$1000	8/7/2009 8/7/2009	Yes Yes	8/4/2009 8/4/2009			
Total Revenues			\$4200						

Adopt a Trail Expenses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/8/2009	19.5 hrs maintenance temp labor make/ install signs	\$219.00
4/17/2009	materials for sign posts	\$1527.34
6/23/2009	signs printing (bay area barricade)	\$98.87
6/30/2009	t-shirts	\$289.51
8/9/2009	wood for future sign posts (Dolan's Lumber)	\$595.15
8/9/2009	sign printing (Bay Area Barricade)	\$10.93
Total Expenses		\$2740.08

2/8/10 Account Balance: \$4200 - \$2740.08 = **\$1459.92**

—Movie Review—

'Dragon' an exciting adventure for the family

Historical merits aside, "How to Train Your Dragon" is a funny, thrilling and entertaining romp.

The DreamWorks animated adventure, based on the popular children's book by Cressida Cowell, brings the story of a young Viking named Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III to life. Vikings apparently had accents

resembling those of suburban American kids to thick Scottish brogues and had to fight off rampaging dragons to survive.

The story follows the template of many of today's kids' movies: A young, awkward out-

cast finds a way to prove him or herself to parents and friends. Hiccup's tough and rough Scott's Apatow father, voiced by Gerard Butler, can't understand his son, whose talents are far more mental than physical.



Young Viking Hiccup learns how to befriend and ultimately ride the dragon he calls "Toothless" in "How to Train your Dragon."

Photo courtesy Dreamworks

Accident-prone Hiccup is determined to find his place in Viking society, which is measured by how well you can defend the town from dragons that attack in the night and raid their island village. Instead of fighting them with sword or bow, Hiccup invents a dragon-trapping device that allows him to become face to face with a dragon he calls Toothless.

Hiccup tames Toothless, learns not to fear the dragons and eventually understands why they attack the village. He comes into conflict with his father, who only wants to stay the beast. As you might guess, he finally gains his father's respect when he saves both the village and the dragons from destruction.

There are some interesting

surprises added to the well-worn formula that keep the movie from being stale. And the animation is an excellent visual feast, in 3-D or not. Goofy young actor Jay Baruchel, most recently seen in "She's Out of My League" and "Night at the Museum 2," does a great job with Hiccup's reluctant heroism, taking him from clumsy loser to town savior. America Ferrera, as the Viking girl Astrid, portrays the tough warrior and compassionate love interest equally well.

The biggest departure from Cowell's original story is that Hiccup's heroic acts stay a secret in the book and hence gets the celebration seen in the film. Movie audiences seem to need that big happy ending, but either way, it's a first fantasy that kids



DON PEDRO CRUZ
AT THE MOVIES

and grownups can enjoy together.

Rated PG for some intense action during battles between dragons and Vikings, a couple of scary images and brief mild language.

★★★★★

Ex. Pedro Cruz is a local fireman, author and graphic designer. Send your comments to dp2000@gmail.com

Concert,
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An unbeatable season finale is promised on Sept. 11 with the Hit Vixen, a 12-piece, high-energy dance band that will "take you on a musical journey" from the '60s to now and "propel you out of your seat."

"Expect big crowds," Geller said. Last year's concerts drew 700-2,000 attendees.

Bikes and chairs can be set up on the grass after 4 p.m. for the 6 p.m. concerts, keeping The Grove available for recreational use during the day. "Order take-out from downtown food establishments and have an early picnic," Pierce suggested. "What a nice way to spend a Sunday night, with Mr. Diablo as a backdrop."

Christiane Brinkerhoff describes the history of the setting. "You get the alpenglow on the western facing hills when the sun sets," she said. "It makes living in Clayton more fun."

"You see lot of people you know," adds Dana Wigenhauser, whose family attended concerts last year when out walking their dog. "We got a place on the grass, even though we got there later," she added.

The 10-concert series is sponsored by the city of Clayton, the Clayton Business and Community Association and Allied Waste Services and only promoted through the Clayton Pioneer and a banner at the Town Center entrance.

"Howard Geller is the driving force behind the series," Pierce said. "He puts in a lot of time and effort out of the goodness of his heart."

Jars passed last year netted 57,000 in donations toward the \$25,000 cost. "Folks were very generous," said Pierce, noting that the city would like the concerts to be self-supporting. Donation jars will be located by the sound engineer booth and each end of the bandstand.

"That's what makes Clayton so great — the way so many people pitch in," said Pierce.

For more information, visit cityofclayton.org, and call or connect on The Grove.

—Book Review—

'Guernsey' an intriguing tale of the human story

I knew I would love "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" as soon as I cracked open the cover and read: "I wonder how the book got to Guernsey? Perhaps there is some secret sort of homing instinct in books that bring them to their perfect readers."

I have always believed that books we love don't really belong to us so much as we belong to them. As a picky (sometimes snooty) reader, I don't usually favor the epistolary form of storytelling — considering it too transparent a device to be convincing. I was pleased to be proven wrong, however, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. They created an utterly charming and heartwarming tale using the exchange of letters between characters.

Juliet Ashton, our novel's heroine, is clever, crafty and completely delightful, and her letters won me over in an instant. It is just after "the great war" in London, and neither Juliet

Ashton's apartment has been bombed out in the air raids. Juliet, famous for her wartime column — *Lucy Bickersiff Goes to War*, is looking for a new writing project when she receives a fan letter from Davey Adams, a secret man from the Isle of Guernsey.

Though she is wooed by a rich American, kind-hearted Juliet and Davey become pen pals and eventually she finds her way there to research the story of a local hero named Ellisbeth McKenna. Once there, Juliet falls in love with a little girl orphaned by the war and is charmed forever.

It's remarkable how closely Juliet and her company are affected by the war. Juliet's old friends in London, as well as her new friends in Guernsey, experienced the cruelty of war up close and personally with a sense of duty and responsibility and heart. They suffered war rations; they felt the thunder of bombs falling at night; they did without basics like sugar and cooking oil as acts of patriotism to support the brave soldiers in combat.

When Juliet learns of the



CYNTHIA GREGORY
FOR THE BOOKS

heartbreak experienced on Guernsey during the war, she takes their torment personally and does what she can to help.

Juliet is astonished to learn that the island had suffered in the war in ways that even bomb-battered London did not. Guernsey had been occupied by Nazi troops because Hitler considered it to be strategically important, situated between France and England. The residents of Guernsey braved the invasion with British stoicism and formed their own resistance corps that actually kept them alive.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society was invented during the war as a cover for ordinary social activities like eating roast pig, and then it took on a hidden meaning.

I dare you not to love this novel. Written from the heart, it's the story of how and why we care for one another.

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Willows offers free student tickets for 'Charlie Brown'

The Willows Theatre Company continues its outreach to children by providing free performances of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" May 17 and 18 at the John Muir Amphitheatre in Marinette.

The event is open to all schools and students in grades K-8. Tickets are donated by Shell Oil, US Bank and the City of Marinette.

The musical presents "an average day in the life" of Charlie Brown and his friends, based on the comic strip

"Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz. The day also includes a tour of the nearby Willows Theatre scene shop, an opportunity to meet the cast, and free milk and cookies.

Show times are 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For reservations, call 925-1700 or email claville@willows.org.

The regularly scheduled run of "Charlie Brown" continues at the Campbell Theatre, 655 Ward St., Marinette, through June 6. For tickets, call 798-1300 or visit www.willowstheatre.org

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call the Clayton Trails and Landscape Committee (925) 673-7369
www.cityofclayton.org

Great opportunity for businesses, clubs, families or individuals. Financial sponsors will have their name on a trail marker sign.

CITY OF CLAYTON
George Cardinal Trail I
1.500 Miles
Trail Marker Sign
Sponsor Name
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ADOPT



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TRAIL

This is the inaugural year of the Clayton Adopt-a-Trail program. The program aims to:

- Augment financing provided by Measure B
- Provide a venue for volunteers to help Clayton maintain and enhance its trail network
- Make the trails cleaner
- Celebrate the sponsors and volunteers that help Clayton keep the trail network one of the distinguishing characteristics of our community
- Foster civic pride through volunteerism, philanthropy, and cleanliness

The Trails and Landscape Committee has initially identified 11 trail segments to adopt. Each segment can have two adopters: a financial adopter and a clean-up adopter. Besides paying the annual fee (\$1,000 for financial adopters and \$200 for clean-up adopters), clean-up groups must identify a leader/contact person and complete the attached form. Markers are installed at the time a financial sponsor is found for that trail segment.

Segments are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Adopters wanting recognition on the trail markers must also provide information that conforms to the city design specs for the markers.

Up to 10 T-shirts will be provided to each clean-up group.

If you are interested in participating in this program or would like additional information please leave your contact information on the **Adopt - A - Trail Hot Line at 673-7369**, and a Committee member will return your call.



City of Clayton
Clayton Adopt-a-Trail Program

APPLICATION

Date: _____

Adopt-a-Trail Group: _____

TYPE OF Sponsor (circle one)

Financial

Labor

Group Contact: _____

Contact's Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Requested Segment to
Adopt: _____

Tentative Start Date: _____

Average number of volunteers per work day: _____

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

As representative of this organization, I have read and agree to abide by the policies, regulations and safety recommendations as put forth by the City of Clayton's Public Works and Engineering Department. I understand that this is an application for the Adopt-a-Trail program and that a representative from the city will contact me to finalize an agreement. I understand that the Department will make the final determination as to whether a group can participate and the final segment assignment designation. I understand that each volunteer must sign a City of Clayton Voluntary Service Agreement and Liability Waiver before participating in the program. Finally, I understand that the city reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any time.

(signature/date)

Group Coordinator

ADOPT-A-TRAIL WORK PLAN

Proposed Program Plan for: _____

[Insert Segment Name]

Adopt-a-Trail Projects could include but are not limited to the following items, please mark all that apply to your project. This must be approved by the Department of Public Works and Engineering before work can begin.

Suggested Project Items

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Pick up litter and debris (required) | ☐ Monitor/report maintenance needs (req) |
| ☐ Remove weeds (required) | ☐ Plant trees* |
| ☐ Raking and sweeping (required) | ☐ Plant and maintain flowerbeds* |
| ☐ Minor repairs of surfaces/furnishings | |
| ☐ Other _____ | |

* The planting of all flowers, trees and other plants must be pre-approved by the city. Support for special projects by adopting organizations will be arranged through the Trails and Landscaping Committee.

WORK SCHEDULE

Each group is required to have at least one work day every 4 months (total of 3 per year). Please list tentative dates for each work day. You will be expected to inform the Department of any date changes at least 2 weeks in advance.

Work Day #1 _____	Additional Work Days _____
Work Day #2 _____	_____
Work Day #3 _____	_____

(signature/date)

Group Coordinator

(signature/date)

(for the Trails and Landscaping Committee)

POLICIES

- The city will provide necessary trash bags, debris pickup, and hauling to ensure the success of ongoing tasks.
- Adopting organizations may keep and haul away for resale off site all recyclable trash they pickup.
- No one under the age of 14 may participate without adult supervision.
- While performing services at special project sites adopters will conform, at a minimum to the State of California Standard Specifications for hours of work, noise abatement, traffic control, erosion control, fire protection and management of materials.

(signature/date)

Group Coordinator

(signature/date)

[for the Trails and Landscaping Committee]

Please return application to _____

For questions, please contact _____

Phone

email

Payment received: _____
Date

By: _____



12" overall
sign
height

CITY OF CLAYTON

Peacock
Creek
Trail



1.27 Miles

Trail Grade
75% Steep
25% Level

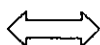
Surface
Crushed Granite

This Trail Segment Adopted By:

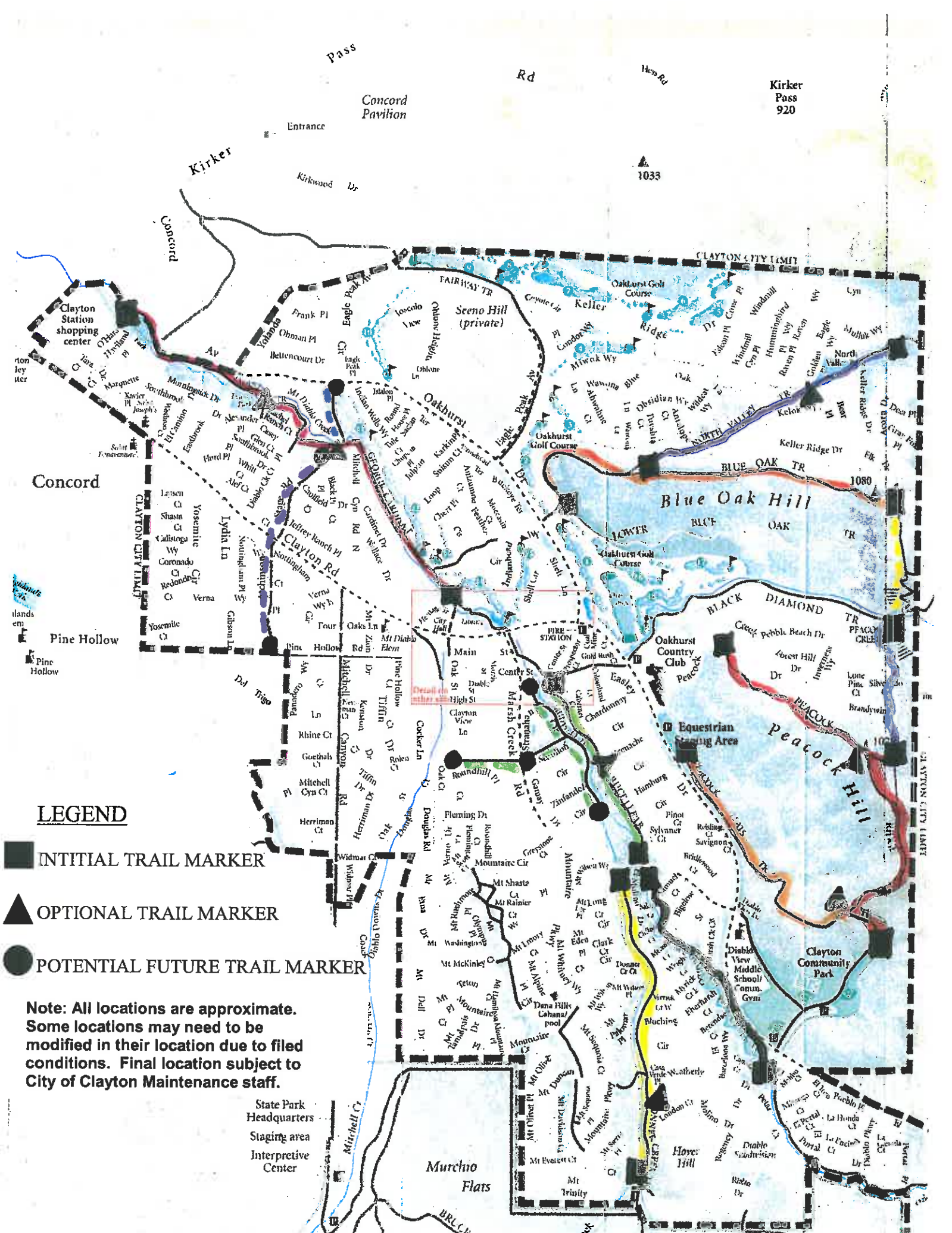
COMCAST
Cable

Clayton Valley
Little League

6" total sign width



8"x 8" wood mitered routed post w/metal sign
(brown background/white lettering) mounted inset onto post



LEGEND

- INITIAL TRAIL MARKER
- OPTIONAL TRAIL MARKER
- POTENTIAL FUTURE TRAIL MARKER

Note: All locations are approximate. Some locations may need to be modified in their location due to filed conditions. Final location subject to City of Clayton Maintenance staff.

State Park Headquarters
Staging area
Interpretive Center

Murchio Flats

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 6(a)



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee
From: Maintenance Staff
Date: August 30 2010
Re: Additional Mowing of weeds along trails and in Open Space

At the June 29th City Council meeting (see attached minutes) a resident requested more frequent weed cutting along the trails and suggesting it would save time - and presumably be some cost savings. The City Council referred the inquiry to the TLC for review and response. The following information is being furnished as background information.

One added trim (late season trim only) along the immediate sides of the major trails (about 6 feet out from the trail) using the City's tractor would take three days of labor and equipment to complete and a set of blades for the tractor mower. Total Cost of this option would be \$2,252.80. This would be additional costs. There are no cost savings with an additional tractor mowing. This would be the least expensive approach. Using weed whackers would take more labor and days to complete the same area thus costing more.

The resident also indicated that if done earlier when the weeds are lower it may not take as long to do as the grass would be shorter, thus saving time and presumably money which could be used for the additional trimming. An earlier start date is not achievable with the tractor due to wetness of ground and grasses. The ground is too wet to support weight of the tractor and wetness of weeds clogs the blades. The start date is monitored to start as soon as the ground and grasses are dry enough to allow use of the tractor the first pass is done. A second time is also done later in the season as part of the overall fire abatement program. In addition weed inhibitor is applied about 2 feet out from the main trails to reduce weed growth adjacent to the main trails in spring and fall.

A complete cut of weeds in the entire open space up to the fence lines including the contract areas has greater costs. The City crew (in house) portion would take ten days to mow plus set blades, and cost \$4,546.16. However there are many areas that the tractor mower can not get to and these areas are contracted out with a company that provides a weed whacking crew. The contracted out portion is \$20,000 to \$25,000. Thus, a total second weed abatement cut (same areas as done for fire abatement) would be \$24,546.16 to \$29,546.16

A later cut also raises concerns with the danger of having equipment running in the heat of summer and the potential of starting fires. This has happen in past years where we have done latter mows. The weeds currently sprouting near the main trails consist of start thistle, a late later summer early fall weed. Cutting of this plant also increases its spread. The best method of control is to hire specialized weed abetment contractor to spot spray, and hand removal. The Oakhurst open space has such contractor as it is a requirement of the development EIR that would be ongoing into the future. The cost for this area is \$36,000 per year and included in the LMD budget. There is no mandated requirement to address this weed in any other city area and it is not included in the minimal service standards of Measure B.

Measure B approved by the voters, set forth minimum level of service standards in the Landscape Maintenance District. All standards are being met at this time. Per measure B minimum service levels can not be decreased to increase other areas. Service levels however can be increased based upon funds available, budget, etc.

Recommendation:

After discussion have a written response provided under the Chairs signature to the resident with copy to the City Council.

- (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – No meeting held.
- (c) City Manager- no report.
- (d) City Council

Councilmember Geller reminded citizens about the Concert in The Grove on July 3rd.

Councilmember Pierce attended a Transportation Authority meeting.

Mayor Stratford attended an East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy meeting, a Library Foundation meeting, and conference call meeting for unsecured debtors of the YMCA.

- (e) Other – None.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- (a) Public Hearing on the proposed City of Clayton Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and its 5-Year Capital Improvement Project Budget (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2010-2015.

The City Manager presented the Budget and stated the numbers had not changed since the June 15th meeting. He stated the State Budget situation has not changed since the last meeting. City Budget has a 2% increase overall due to spending in the Landscape District but that General Fund revenues are static. He stated there is an existing gap of \$18,410 to fund operations and that Trust and Agency interest earnings will fill the void. He stated the Police Department operations are now 50% of the General Fund Budget and the Budget in general is labor driven. He stated the City has a healthy reserve to be used for unallocated purposes. He stated a reserve is to help pay for unexpected expenses and the in a perfect world the City would have a sinking fund for replacement of infrastructure but such is not realistic at this time. He then outlined some of the upcoming purchases and projects for the next fiscal year. He concluded by stating the City is a long way from reaching its Gann Taxation Limit.

Mayor Stratford opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m

Howard Kaplan, Clayton resident asked if a sinking fund is not a viable financial approach for the City because there are not sufficient funds? The City Manager responded that was correct.

Mr. Kaplan stated the reserve is there so that replacements of infrastructure will be possible when needed. He stated he like the transparency in the Budget Message but questioned the unfunded liability to CalPERS. The City Manager stated the CalPERS unfunded liability is being paid by the portion of the CalPERS rates (8-10 years).

* [Mr. Kaplan desired the weed cutting along the trails to be done more frequently and therefore would save time because the weeds would not be as thick. The Mayor stated he would relay Mr. Kaplan's comments to the Trails and Landscaping Committee.] *

MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT 2007-1
(CITYWIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT)

TRAILS & LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

\$196.77 A YEAR ASSESSMENT

January 16, 2007

Note: Development of Standards assumed responsibility for District in "as-is" landscape condition but brought to the higher standard of maintenance requested by the Committee. Except for the \$20,000 per year Landscape Replacement Account, no workloads were included to elevate the existing landscaping with more shrubs, trees or associated improvements [e.g. irrigation systems; hardscape; replantings; deferred capital improvement projects].

Landscape Trimming

- Trim all landscape areas in District 2 times a year.
 1. Trim all shrubs and groundcover in District landscape areas.
 2. Haul off all trimmings and debris.
 3. Hand-pull all large weeds over one foot tall.
 4. Pick up visible litter.
 5. Remove all dead shrubs or groundcover.
 6. Cut off all tree and plant suckers.
 7. Blow off all walkways and street areas.

Irrigation Maintenance

(Irrigation systems are operational approximately 9 months of the year)

- Check complete system 2 times a year.
- Adjust controllers 3 times a year.
- Repair any broken waterlines within 1 month of request.
 1. Complete system check of entire irrigation system.
 2. Adjust all sprinkler heads for proper coverage.
 3. Mark all irrigation boxes on lids and curbside.
 4. Repair any leaks in mainline or control valves.
 5. Repair any broken sprinkler heads.
 6. Replace or repair all irrigation boxes.
 7. Provide irrigation system upgrades over time as funding allows.

Mowing Turf

(Lawn areas will be mowed approximately 9 months out of the year)

- Mow lawns every 2 weeks.
- Edge lawns once a month.
- Fertilize lawns every 6 months.
- Aerate once a year.
 1. Mow all lawns in District.
 2. Edge all lawns in District.
 3. Fertilize all lawns in District.
 4. Pick up litter and debris in lawn areas.
 5. Blow off all walkways and street areas

Tree Trimming

- Trim all Crape Myrtles trees once a year.
- Trim all Oleanders trees every year.
- Trim trees away from walkways and signs as time allows.
- Trim as needed.
- \$15,000 tree trimming contract.
 1. Prune all Crape Myrtles for increase summer flowering.
 2. Thin and trim out crowns on all Oleander trees.
 3. Stake up trees as needed.
 4. Cut out all suckers.
 5. Coordinate contract tree work.
 6. Trim trees away from walkways and signs.

Herbicide Control

- Spray pre-emergent 2 times a year in median.
- Spray pre-emergent once a year in roadside landscape areas.
- Spot spray every 2 months.
- Spray Round-Up along trails and open space once a year.
- Pull weeds over 1 foot as time permits.
 1. Control weeds located in the landscape areas
 2. Spray pre-emergent in landscape areas.
 3. Hand-pull any weeds over one foot.

Fertilizing

- Fertilize all landscape areas once a year.
- Use slow release 14x14x14 at 1.5 lbs per 100 square feet
 1. Fertilize all landscape areas of District.
 2. Clean all walkways and street of excess fertilizer.

Annuals

- Plant annuals once a year.
- Weed and clean planters once every 3 months.
 1. Plant annuals in all District flowerbeds.
 2. Cultivate soil and add conditioner before planting.
 3. Weed and clean out planters periodically.

Trails

- Spray preemergent along trails 2 times a year.
- Spray Round Up along trails 2 times a year.
- Complete trail repair and inspection once a year.
- Periodic trail repair and inspection 6 times a year.
- Cut down weeds along sides of trails 2 times a year.
 1. Clear trails of all weeds and debris.
 2. Repair trail headers.

3. Replace ¼ by dust.
4. Repair signage.

Open Space

- Cut weeds once a year 30 feet from fence lines.
- Cut weeds two times a year along major trails and creeks.
- Remove noxious weeds under contract from Oakhurst open space.
 1. Cut weeds along major trails and creeks to three inches in height.
 2. Cut weeds 30 feet from fence lines in District to three inches in height.
 3. Remove noxious weeds from Oakhurst open space.
 4. Coordinate weed abatement and noxious weed contracts.



Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 6(b)

Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee
From: Maintenance Staff
Date: August 30 2010
Re: Acceptance of woodchips from tree contractors

It has come to the attention of staff to investigate the feasibility of using wood chips from tree trimming companies in the landscape district. The thought is this would save the Landscape District money since the District would not need to purchase decorative bark for covering up the bare spots in the landscape but instead with use a layer of woodchips from tree trimming companies. Staff has attached an outline of what would be involve in the start up and running of a program of this nature. There are many elements to this kind of program that would take limited resources away from other district operations for us to fully implement it.

It is not as simple as just having woodchips dumped into the landscape, there would need to be inspection of materials being dropped off, the worry the material may have come from a diseased tree and how this could effect our own trees, all the prep work needed in the landscape before any application of the woodchips, plus how would the City choose what tree company would be allowed to dump woodchips, and then finding a suitable location for storage of the woodchips before application in the landscape. The location would need to be secure so people and companies would not make it into a dumping ground. Then there is the overall appearance of the material, unlike the decorative bark that is delivered the woodchips from tree companies would not have the same consistently or color all of the time. The woodchips most of the time have lots of leaves and other materials mixed in with the woodchips giving it an unfinished look. The color also would not be consistent; when you buy decorative bark it is either redwood or cedar which gives a consistent color. With chipped up trees you do not know what kind of trees you're getting which will give all different coloring and textures.

If a program were to be set up by the City to accept the woodchips as was outlined in the 'woodchip program outline' that is attached then there would be some benefits to the District. These would include a more finished look in areas that are now bare and devoid of landscaping with the added benefits of some control of weeds from germinating in these areas. Areas also determined now or in the future by the Trail & Landscape Committee and Staff not to be getting a replant may also benefit from the addition of chips as long it fits the criteria that is outline in the attached program.

If the Trails & Landscape Committee decides that this is a program Staff should pursue as outlined this would have an effect on both staff time and resources to implement this program. Staff believes this type of program would not be the most efficient use of the limited District resources for the perceived benefit of getting free woodchips.



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee
From: Maintenance Department
Date: August 27, 2010
Re: Woodchips

WOODCHIP PROGRAM OUTLINE

1. Designate a secure material storage area.

- Accessible for tractor to load.
- Flat surface for easy pick up
- Secure lockable location
- All weather access
- Possibly covered.

2. Select desirable locations for woodchip applications.

- Create a criteria for woodchip application
- Flat to slightly slope areas.
- Large bare areas. where no new plantings will be installed.
- Areas with non established small trees or new installations.

3. Coordinate the delivery and the inspection of woodchips.

- Have staff available for woodchip drop-off.
- Inspect all loads prior to woodchip drop-off.
- Remove any undesirable debris within loads.

4. Coordinate crews for preparation of site for woodchip application.

- Create an edge or lip around project area.
- Grade area for application.
- Free of all weeds and debris.
- Pre emergent application prior to installation of woodchips.
- Mark all utility boxes.
- Possible lane closures for traffic safety.

5. List of select tree companies to receive woodchips.

- Solicit tree companies for applicable woodchips.
- Check for availability of woodchips.
- Obtain a list for references of prior woodchip deliveries.
- Agreements on what type of woodchips are acceptable.

6. Coordinate crews to apply woodchips.

- Inspect site for proper preparation.
- Designate times for crews to apply woodchips.
- Traffic control and lane closures.



Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 6(c)

Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee members

From: Laura Hoffmeister, Asst. to the City Manager

Meeting Date: August 30, 2010

Re: Consideration of use of flowering plants for future re-landscaping of medians and along roadways

At the June 1, 2010 City Council meeting the TLC's recommendation for the criteria for future improvements within the Landscape District was presented. The approach was approved by the City Council, as well as funding for the first two priorities decorative hardscape pavers in the Oakhurst medians and replanting of the Clayton Fountain water feature. However a Councilmember suggested that roadway landscaping and median landscaping should be more colorful (see attached minutes). The City Council referred this idea, without action on the merits of the suggestion, to the TLC.

The TLC vision subcommittee had completed and assessment of median and roadway edge landscaping and submitted their report to the TLC in late 2006. The TLC accepted the report and this information was used by City Maintenance staff in the preparation of the criteria for future District improvements, which included criteria and prioritization for future consideration of redoing median islands and roadway landscaping. (see attachments)

In 2006 the Maintenance Staff had also prepared a potential median island replanting concept that utilized decorative hardscape and grouped plants at specific focal points (see attachment). This concept plan was presented to the TLC and the TLC felt it might be a good approach to consider in the future after establishing criteria for district improvements and completion of the District irrigation assessment. The TLC suggested this approach might be done on one or two median island areas as a pilot project. The concept included use of color plants grouped at key focal points, with decorative hardscape areas in between. Since this time three other issues have affected further work on concept plan/pilot project.

- 1) The Water District rationing impacted the district. A water rationing priority strategy response plan had to be prepared and implemented. After the restrictions were lifted this past April/May the TLC focus turned to moving forward with priorities on the Oakhurst median noses, re-landscape of the Clayton Fountain Water Feature area, and the re-planting of the Marsh Creek berm. All three of these priority recommendations were approved by the City Council.

- 2) The State established mandatory water conservation requirements which required the cities to work with the water districts and prepare local ordinances that would meet the new state law. The state requirements mandated that local water ordinance apply to public landscape areas as well as private projects. The City has recently completed a local water conservation ordinance to comply with State law and it is scheduled to be heard by the City Council in September and be effective in October. The State and soon to be local regulations will require modifications to the earlier draft median landscape concept approach. Had the TLC moved forward with further detail work on the concept approach it would have had to be redesigned.
- 3) As noted in the informational report the status of the irrigation assessment is taking longer than anticipated due to the need to turn off some water irrigation systems to comply with the water rationing restrictions. Now that these systems were turned back on this spring/summer staff is just now able to begin completion of this project, with target date to finish by the end of the year. This information will be needed to do further work on concept plan for any redoing of median islands and roadway landscaping. This information will be needed to for any replanting project to know what changes to existing irrigation systems will be needed, replacement of irrigation due to age and deterioration, and changes to be in compliance with the new water conservation ordinance (changes to irrigation systems are required in the regulation if replanting 2500 sq feet of landscape area or more)

As noted previously the earlier concept plan had anticipated including the use of color type plantings that would be drought tolerant and have minimal maintenance, and be suitable for the area. Further work efforts on median planting concept design had not progressed due to the above factors.

Recommendation: Provide comments and direction to staff.

- (a) Consideration of the Trails and Landscaping Committee's recommendations for re-landscaping and improvement projects within the Landscape Maintenance District, and allocation of funds from the District's available reserves to fund the improvements.

The Maintenance Supervisor presented the staff report and outlined 7 proposed Landscape District projects and improvements. The first project is the replacement of landscaping with sienna colored pavers in the long narrow end sections of the medians on Oakhurst Drive. Second, replacing the landscaping at Marsh Creek Circle to prevent glare of the roadway traffic to the homes. Third, replanting the Jeffery Ranch Court island that died during the drought. Fourth, renovation of the Clayton Fountain area by removing and replacing turf, planting more trees and planting drought tolerant plants. Fifth, the replacement of arterial street plants with drought tolerant plants. Sixth, replacement of dying trees on Keller Ridge Drive with Columbia Sycamores. Seventh, allocating money toward deferred tree trimming to get back on track after the drought. The City Manager noted staff is asking the Council to allocate \$260,000 from the Landscape District reserves to cover the costs of these improvements. There are sufficient monies in the District's reserves (\$582,164).

Councilmember Geller asked why staff had not considered stamped concrete in the median noses? The Maintenance Supervisor responded that due to the stormwater regulations that option is not feasible; it must be a pervious surface.

Councilmember Geller also asked why other plants were not considered for the medians? The Maintenance Supervisor responded that different plants require more labor to maintain. Councilmember Pierce stated when the bushes are thriving, not in drought years, they look great. Councilmember Geller stated he thinks the roadway medians and plants should be more colorful, like Concord.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated the Trails and Landscaping Committee created a sub-committee to add color to the entryways and other areas but noted the medians are long, and watering high maintenance plants is not feasible.

Councilmember Medrano stated the Fountain area needs to be looked at as soon as possible because he receives complaints frequently about it. He stated volunteer labor could be used to get it done at a lesser cost.

Councilmember Pierce thanked the Trails and Landscaping Committee and staff for the work they put into these plans.

The City Manager stated staff would prioritize the Fountain re-landscaping and will determine the best way to approach the project.

It was moved by Councilmember Pierce, seconded by Councilmember Medrano to approve the re-landscaping and improvement plans as submitted by the citizens' Trails and Landscaping Committee, with priority timing for the Fountain area, and authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$260,000 from the Citywide Landscape Maintenance District reserves (restricted use funds) to install the landscape improvements (Passed; 5-0 vote).

**MINUTES
OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
CLAYTON CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, November 17, 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Mayor Pierce in Hoyer Hall of the Clayton Community Library, 6125 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA. Councilmembers present: Mayor Pierce, Vice Mayor Stratford, Councilmembers Geller, and Medrano Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Shuey. Staff present: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Hoffmeister, City Attorney Dan Adams, and City Clerk Laci Jackson.

2. **CLOSED SESSION**

- (a) Pursuant to CA Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) for the purpose of a Closed Session on the following matter:
 - 1) City Manager annual performance evaluation.

Report out of Closed Session: No report out.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Mayor Pierce.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR-** It was moved by Councilmember Geller, seconded by Vice Mayor Stratford to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted (Passed; 4-0 vote).

- (a) Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3.
 - (b) Approved Financial Demands and Obligations of the City.
 - (c) Resolution 46-2009 approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Second Amendment to the Stormwater Utility Area Agreement for Commercial and Industrial Inspection Services.

5. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** – None.

6. **REPORTS**

- (a) Planning Commission – Commissioner Ted Meriam reported on the November 10th meeting of the Planning Commission. The Commission approved amendments to the Municipal Code to allow for manufactured homes. They also worked on an affordable housing ordinance to comply with AB 1818. Lastly, the Commission reviewed an state model water conservation and landscaping ordinance and the City's current water conservation guidelines.
 - (b) Trails and Landscaping Committee – Vice Mayor Stratford reported on the November 16, 2009 TLC meeting where the Commission seated two new members to the committee. The Committee discussed prioritizing replanting for when the drought ends. The Committee also discussed in-fill re-planning on a berm along Marsh Creek Circle, when the drought ends. The Committee also received an update on the Adopt-a-Trail program.
 - (c) The Assistant to the City Manager had no report.

Excerpt: TLC minutes Nov. 16, 2009

5. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) *General Discussion of next steps after drought for Landscape Maintenance District – potential improvement areas in the Landscape Maintenance District*

Maintenance Supervisor Janney explained that a LMD improvements process plan has been prepared by staff in keeping with the TLC prior discussion on future "Vision" of the District. He stated specifically what improvements might be able to be considered, what criteria should be used to prioritize the areas, what would be the prioritization of areas, and what could be done in the areas. There are some funds available in the District to begin to look into these, however with the water restrictions from CCWD any replanting would need to wait until the restrictions are lifted. The plan is based upon two general criteria: Areas that give the District the largest savings offer the long term in reduced water usage and maintenance while enhancing the landscape appearance; and plant replacement opportunities caused by drought where no other over tiding factor exists such as substandard irrigation, substandard soil, or mass loss of plant life prior to the drought.

Using this criteria there were 5 levels or steps that were recommended. The first step would be areas that would reduce maintenance issues and have little or no irrigation upgrades needed, and could be more easily implemented in the short term. The last step or level, step 5, includes areas that would have major cost or changes needed in order to implement and are more long term to address.

After some discussion the Committee agreed with the criteria provided by staff and the steps outlined. The committee thanked maintenance staff for the work in preparing the information and found it very helpful as to what the next steps might be for the LMD in going forward with any improvements as funds allow. Committee members also stated that it is helpful in terms of assisting them to focus on the next steps that the TLC could be working toward as part of the Vision process. The Committee was interested in obtaining more information regarding two areas or projects in the first level: potential hardscape of Oakhurst Blvd. median noses, and options for replanting the Clayton Fountain Water Feature. Maintenance Supervisor Janney stated that he could prepare some cost information on options for these two areas and bring it back at the next meeting.

There was consensus by the Committee to accept the staff report of criteria and "next" steps of potential improvement areas for the District as a working document which could be modified as new, different or more information becomes available; and for staff to return at the next meeting with cost information on options for the Oakhurst Blvd. median island noses and the Clayton Fountain Water Feature.

Agenda Date: 11-16-09Agenda Item: 5(a)

Memo

To: Trails and Landscaping Committee**From:** Mark Janney, Maintenance Supervisor**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2009**Re:** Potential Improvement Areas in the Landscape Maintenance District

Recommendation: Hear report and discuss then provide direction to staff**Background:**

The passage of the Landscape Maintenance Assessment did not include funds for replanting or reworking of the irrigation in the landscape district. Funds included for that work were in a prior assessment vote that was not passed by the voters. The measure the voters did pass was just enough to keep status quo and to enhance trimming and possibly more fertilization. If other costs savings occurred it was possible that some funds might be available to consider replanting and irrigation reworking.

This past May the Contra Costa Water District established mandatory water reductions (allocations) to users, including the City landscape areas. The reduction required in our landscape district was 40%. Trails and Landscape Committee reviewed and the City Council approved an irrigation priority strategy that gave priority to trees, then shrubs and eliminated water to lawn areas in the District. (Park lawns are not part of the District and were still watered although watering reduced especially in non active play areas).

The impact of the reduced watering can be seen in the District as it added somewhat to the loss of plant materials that we were already experiencing. Prior to this we had already been experiencing plant loss impacts as many were at the end of their life, or had grown to where their roots were into poor underlying soil materials, and others struggling as the soils the developers used when installing were not well amended. Additionally some plant species used many years ago when installed have now been found to have issues with pests, fungus or not as well suited to this climate and soil area as once were thought. Adding to this is that the some of the irrigation systems are also at or near the end of their life span and have leaks requiring repairs, and although may have been appropriate at the time, there is newer state of the art irrigation systems on the market today.

DISUSSION:

Given the current status of the many plantings throughout the District and the likelihood of either continued drought restrictions by CCWD reducing water allocations and the recent passage of State bills that will further require water districts to impose additional water conservation and reductions to users it seems it is time to evaluate the future of the District planted areas and determine what our next steps should be.

The City has experienced some cost savings since the passage of the Landscape Measure, and there are some funds available in the reserve that could be used to make modifications in some of the District landscape areas. This information is being provided to help assist the TLC as part of its vision process and provide direction to staff in how to address this issue.

Criteria:

- Areas that give the District the largest savings over the long term in reduced water usage and maintenance while enhancing the landscape.
- Plant Replacement caused by drought only in areas where no over riding factor has been detected i.e. substandard irrigation, wrong type of plants, substandard soil, or mass loss of plant life before drought. (see below)

Using the above criteria the maintenance staff has provided a partial list of areas that should be considered for improvement and the general type of changes:

First step would be to improve the following areas:

Water Feature

Replace turf area with a smaller lawn in front of the fountain and plant trees and shrubs on out side areas along fence lines (concept plan to be provided at the meeting)

Oakhurst Drive median noses

Hardscape the narrow median noses along Oakhurst Drive removing remaining shrubs (seven narrow noses and three wider noses)

Entry Medians and sides

Re-landscape entry medians to the following areas Eagle Peak, Indian Wells, Indian Head, Keller Ridge, and Peacock Creek with a standard plan and low maintenance design.

City Entries

Re-Landscape entry sign areas into the City with a standard plan and low maintenance design

Peacock Drive Median

Hardscape the median keeping only the existing trees.

Second step would be to establish a replanting program in the following order:

Trees Citywide

Continue to replace street trees as they die out this include the trees in the medians and along City streets.

Clayton Greens Lawns

Replace with shrubs or lawns

Third step Fill in landscape areas that have already been upgraded been upgraded within the Landscape District using only shrubs or trees.

Old Marsh Creek Rd

Oakhurst Drive Southside

Center Street Trail

Fourth step Fill in older landscape areas of the Landscape District that have adequate or need minimal irrigation upgrades and using only shrubs and trees

Clayton Road from City limits to Oakhurst Drive

Clayton Road from horse trail along sound wall on Marsh Creek Road

Fifth step and Long term goals for the Landscape District

Upgrade irrigation where the systems are substandard

Centralize the irrigation system district wide

Planting plans for the following areas

Eagle Peak Drive

City wide medians

Keller Ridge Drive

Regency Meadows

Clayton Greens

(b) Review of Mid-Year maintenance Report on compliance with 1st year Transition Plan of the Citywide Landscape Maintenance District.

Maintenance Supervisor Johnson reviewed the statues of the District, and noted that some transition items have been rearranged since the concept plan was created last year. In general he noted that the staff is on track overall in its transition. He explained the irrigation control plan documents and highlighted some of the 2nd year goals related to irrigation control plans. He noted that the irrigation maintenance van is part of the transition plan and acknowledged the idea of this from Committee member David Johnson. Committee members thanks the maintenance staff for the detailed information on the transition plan and the detailed irrigation control information of the plan.

(c) Consider initiation of a Re-Landscaping Master Plan and Sub- Committee to develop appropriate re-landscaping schemes for bare and degraded areas within the Citywide Landscape Maintenance District.

Assistant to the City Manager Hoffmeister provided the background. City Manger Gary Napper provided an overview of the concept. After discussion, Committee member Casper agreed that this is needed to be done and was agreeable to subcommittee. Committee member Vineyard was not supportive of the subcommittee concept but supported the need to create these visions and need to focus on key areas – those most visible to the public, maybe do a pilot area. Committee member Geisler suggested, with consensus of the committee, that the entire TLC should be involved and have at a future appropriate meeting, a light agenda to allow focus on this one topic and options.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Barbara Jacobs email of March 6, 2008 noted for the record,- she was advised by staff of the meting date and time, however is not in attendance. Chair Bass will work with staff and respond via email.

Chair Bass noted that as necessary she will provide information she receives from the City Council or at their meetings relative to the TLC in committees meeting agenda packet so it will be available to all.

6. COMMITTEE ITEMS

(a). Future agendas to include:

April meeting-- Adopt a Trail (subcommittee) status report

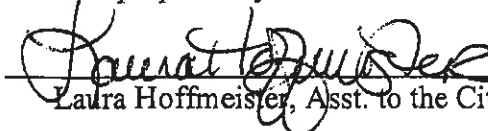
Litter Prevention Campaign

Trail deferred maintenance inventory and recommended priorities (Staff)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon call by Chairperson Bass, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:


Laura Hoffmeister, Asst. to the City Manager

APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE


Candace Bass, Chairperson

Agenda Date: 03-10-08

Agenda Item: 5. (c)

September 10, 2006

Memo To: T&LC Members

From: Bill Vineyard, Subcommittee Chairman

RE: Visions Subcommittee Report to T&LC Members at the Sept 11, 2006 Meeting

The objective of our subcommittee is to come up with an affordable, aesthetically pleasing landscape design that will be acceptable to the public and will minimize O&M costs. Our preliminary recommendations are published in the Action Minutes of the August 14, 2006 T&LC Meeting.

Since the August 14 T&LC meeting, each of our five subcommittee members has been assigned a portion of the approx. 9.5 miles of roadway landscaping, which includes approx 48 medians and islands, to evaluate and to come up with their recommendations on changes required to meet our objective.

As of September 10, not all of our members have had a chance to provide their input to me so I have not been able to finalize our overall recommendations to the T&LC at this meeting.

However, I can provide you with the following samples of several preliminary recommendations that have been completed for portions of the roadway landscaping for your consideration as to whether or not you feel that our subcommittee is heading in a direction in which you agree.

(1) Report for the following streets based on a walking tour (photos not included).

AS--Atchinson Stage Road
BP--Black Point Place
CC--Caulfield Court
JR--Jeffrey Ranch Court
LL--Lydia Lane
MC--Mitchell Canyon Road
PH--Pine Hollow Road

In ALL areas where the following occur, remove:

Algerian Ivy (AS, MC, PH)—an invasive shelter to rodents and trash, and in some areas, starting to take over the adjoining trees and shrubs (see pics)

English Ivy (AS, MC, PH)—ditto!

Pampas Grass (AS, PH)—highly invasive—most nurseries have agreed to stop selling it for this reason (see pic)

African Daisy (AS, PH)—not being maintained enough to justify keeping

Grass (BP, JR, CC)—a huge waste of resources to water and mow

Juniper (AS)—not being maintained enough to justify keeping

Lower growing shrubs/perennials that cannot survive without irrigation, such as Agapanthus, Fescue Grass, etc. (AS, LL, PH)—not being maintained enough to justify keeping (see pic)

Sprouted Tree Saplings (MC)—look bad (see pic)

Succulents/Cacti (MC)—eventually these are going to get BIG and be undesirable/dangerous along pathways (see pic)

Weeds—look bad (see pic)

In ALL areas, keep:

Oleander

Other taller shrubs that provide privacy to adjacent homeowners and their respective fencelines

Trees

Large stones surrounding trees and at start/end of path (see pic)

*Consider keeping Phormium (New Zealand Flax) and Nandina (Heavenly Bamboo) since both are low water and relatively no maintenance (see pic)

Consider:

Adding more trees and appropriate drip to “bare spots” along trails

Replacing all spray irrigation with drip to specific trees and shrubs

Using mulch, DG, gravel, stones, etc. in bare areas as a groundcover

Using California natives such as Ceanothus, Coffeeberry, and other low/no water shrubs that can act as groundcover in bare spots and that need very little, if any, maintenance

(2) Report for Eagle Peak Ave and Keller Ridge Drive

General Observation – There is a dichotomy in the landscaping. In some areas the shrubs are so overgrown that they often block the sidewalks while in other areas the plants are dying and leaving ever growing bare spots. The overall appearance is unkempt and “haphazardly landscaped” for lack of a better description.

General Recommendations

(1) Remove most shrubbery except as noted below.

(2) Change irrigation to drip for only those remaining plants that require water.

(3) Keep all trees.

Specific Locations

(1) Grassy areas on either side of Eagle Peak at Oakhurst Drive and at intersection with Miwok - Consider turning off the irrigation and replacing grass with other media or bare dirt. Remove shrubs along the fences to the golf course and entry to “Eagle Peak Estates” at Miwok.

(2) Island at Eagle Peak and Oakhurst – Remove fast growing *Xylosma congestum*. These bushes only look good just after pruning. Within a month or so they are overgrown, unsightly, and cover traffic signs until the next pruning. Leave bare dirt or

cover with another media. Leave other shrubs at south end of island and use drip irrigation

(3) Eagle Peak Ave – The entire length continues to become barer as plants die. Remove existing dead and dying plants, tree suckers, etc. Consider turning off the irrigation and removing the remaining shrubbery as it dies. Leave bare dirt or add cover media, especially to the sloped areas to reduce erosion due to rain. Add drip irrigation only where necessary.

(4) Keller Ridge Drive

(a) Leave escallonia along both sides of street. Improve the condition of the escallonia in poor shape between Windmill Canyon Place and Raven Place.

(b) Prune and trim overgrown areas on corner lots adjacent to homes on cross streets.

(3) Perhaps “deed” the maintenance for the escallonia and the corner lots to the adjacent homeowner but have the District provide the irrigation. In some cases, the local homeowners are already pruning, etc.

(4) Remove plants along the wooden fence next to the golf course near the 4th green. Leave area bare dirt (which is almost is already).

(5) Remove plants from the twelve small triangular traffic islands in the road. They look overgrown and unkempt most of the time. Leave bare dirt, pave over, or add other media.

**Clayton Road – old Marsh Creek Road to Library entry
Demonstration Median Island Renovation Project**

See attached plans for concept

Scope of Work

- Replace irrigation system
- Remove 8 inches of dirt
- Install base rock and sand
- Install 4 inch cement planting borders
- Install brick to match existing brick est. 2200sq.ft.
- Install large rocks either Moss rock or Granite
- Install plants

Estimate Construction Cost*

• Installation of brick this includes removal of dirt installation of base rock and sand at \$10 sq. ft.	\$22,000
• Irrigation replacement	\$4,000
• Rocks	\$5,000
• Concert planting bands	\$4,500
• Plants and planting	\$2,500
Sub Total	\$38,000
10% contingency	\$3,800
TOTAL	\$41,800

*These prices are estimates only made by staff; we have not received or asked for bids from contractors at this time.

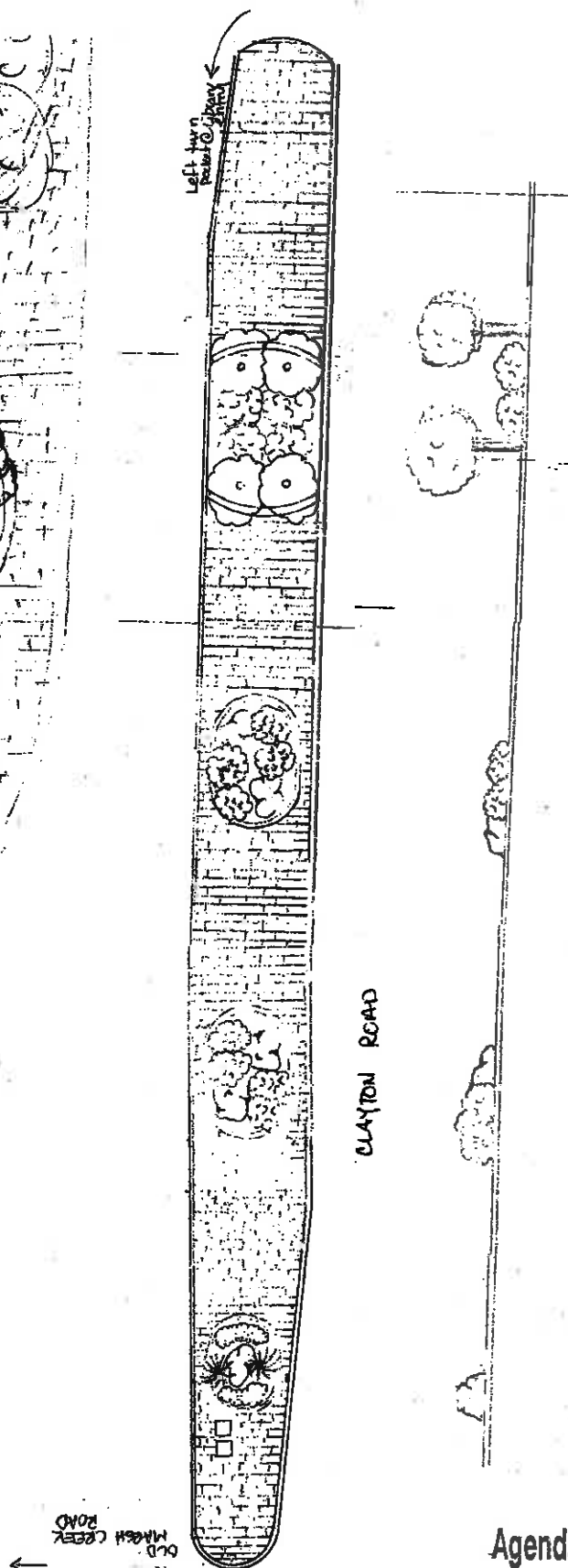
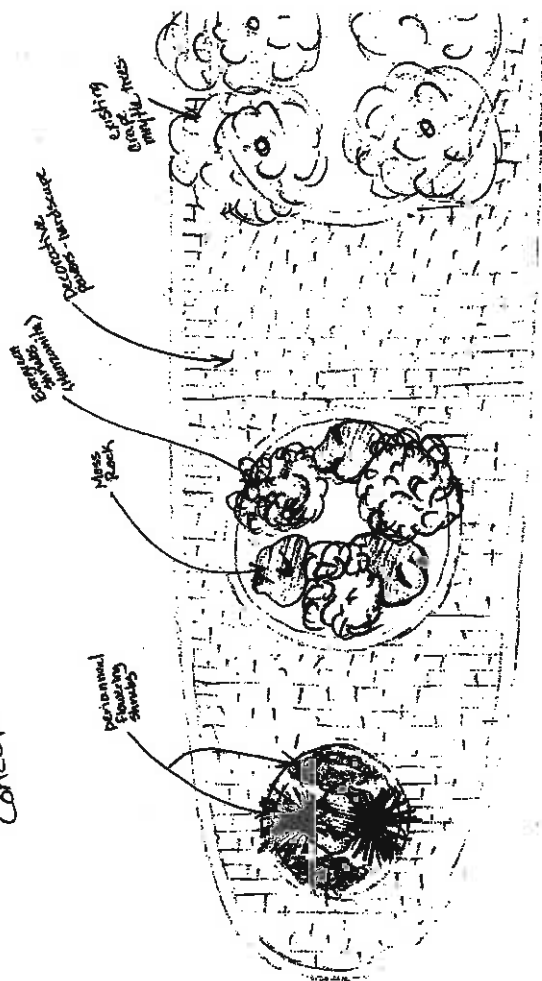
Staff recommends the following plants for each of the planter pockets in the median islands:

- First Planter on the nose: Dietes Bicolor Fortnight Lilly and Geranium "Cambridge"
- Second Planter: Arctostaphylos Manzanita 'Howard McMinn'
- Third Planters: Arctostaphylos Manzanita 'Howard McMinn'
- Forth Planter: Geranium "Camdridge" and Arctostaphylos Manzanita 'Howard McMinn'

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concept plan



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OLD MARSH CREEK ROAD

← CLAYTON ROAD



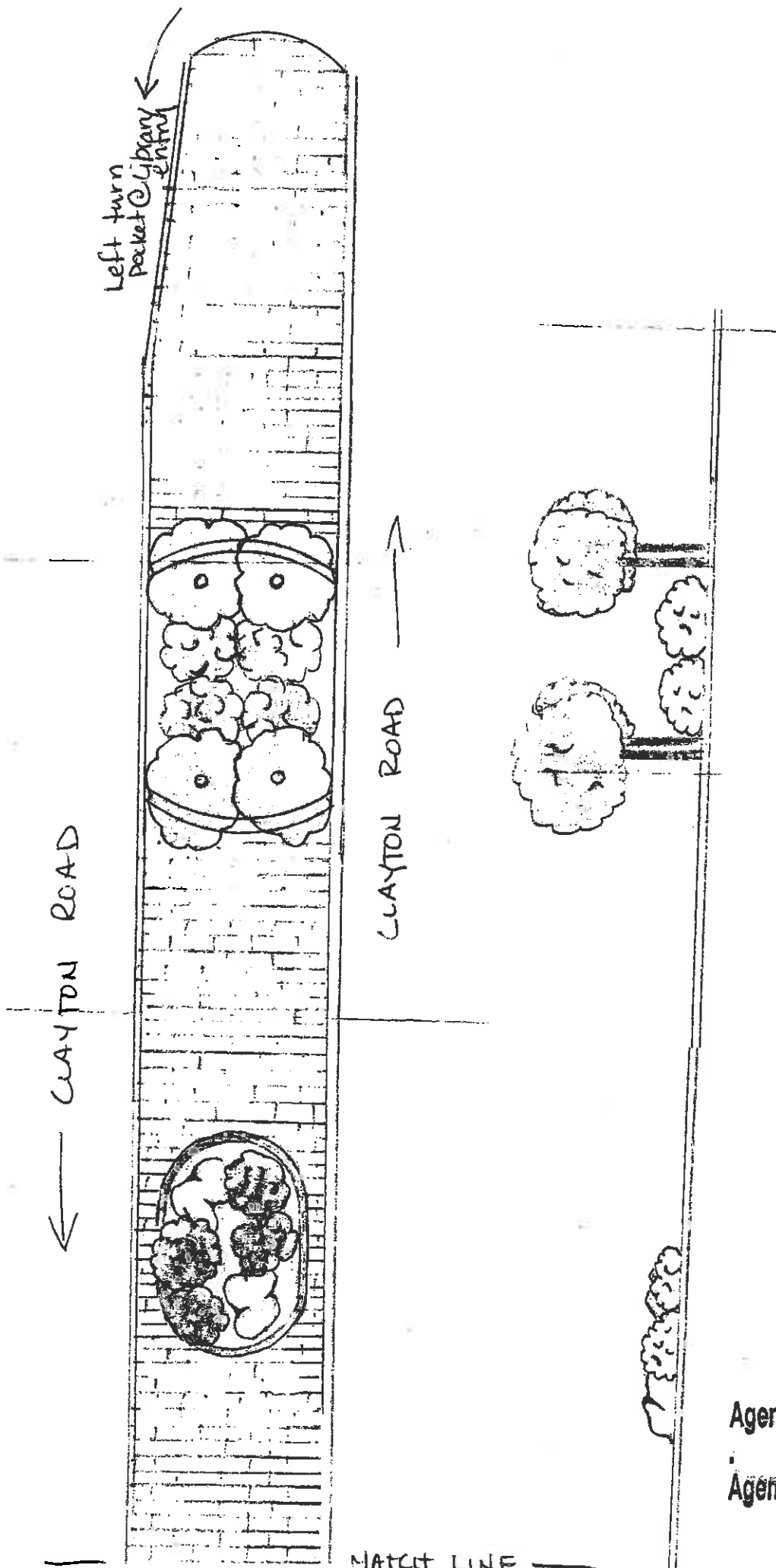
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MATCH LINE



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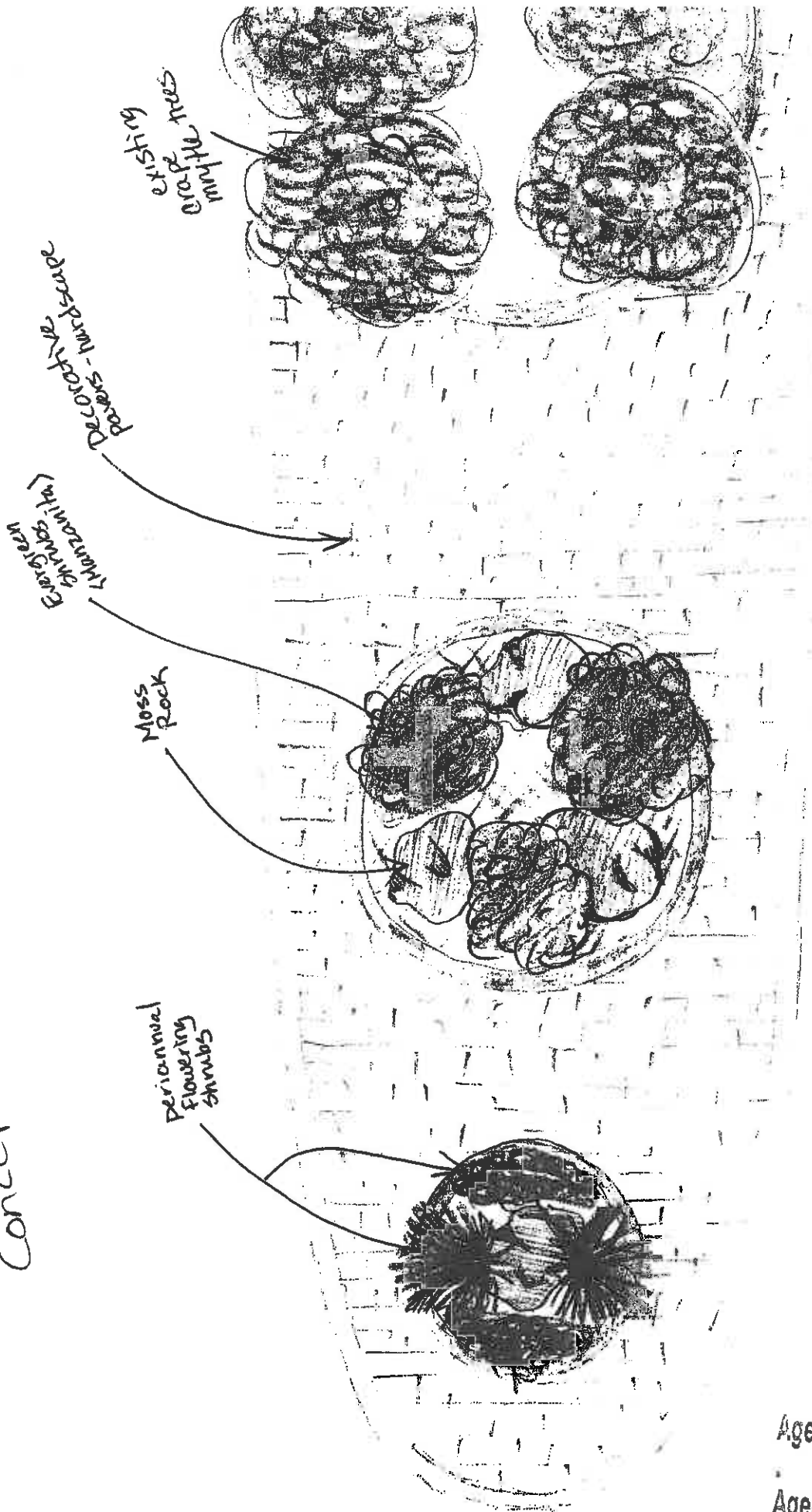
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Concept Plan



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Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 6(d)

Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee members

From: Virginia Siegel, Chair

Meeting Date: August 30, 2010

Re: Consideration of establishing an Annual Report Subcommittee

Pursuant to Measure B enacted by the voters, the TLC serves as the required Citizens Oversight Committee as called for in the Measure. The Measure requires the Citizens Oversight Committee to provide an independent written fiscal year end annual report to the citizens of the Landscape Maintenance Districts activities and its finances. At its may meeting the TLC deferred considering establishing a subcommittee for this as two members terms were expiring and they had stated they would not be reapplying.

The report can be done by the entire TLC however if a majority of members meet the meeting must be held under the brown act and subject to legal posting and in a public place for potential public attendance. A subcommittee which is comprised of less than the majority (maximum 3 members) can meet when and wherever is needed. The subcommittee would then compile and prepare a draft report and present it to the entire TLC for review and recommendation at a future TLC meeting. Once the TLC has approved the report it would then be scheduled for a future City Council meeting for the City Council to accept the report.

Since the establishment of the TLC/Citizens Oversight Committee the reports have been drafted by a subcommittee. As way of background and example city staff had previously emailed out to all the current TLC members a copy of the last years report (FY 2008/09).

Recommendation: Consider establishing a subcommittee for the Fiscal Year end 2009/10 Annual Report and select members to serve on the subcommittee.

WHAT IS YOUR TRAILS AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE?

The TLC (Trails and Landscape Committee) is made up of 6 volunteers, your neighbors & friends, from the Clayton community. The TLC was formed by the Clayton City Council in August 2007 to help the City implement the voter-approved plan to manage the current and future needs of the City-wide Landscape Maintenance District (the CCLMD).

The TLC serves as the financial oversight committee and provides short-, mid-, and long-term implementation guidance to the City Staff and City Council regarding the spending of the special voter approved funds that can only be used for spending within and for the Landscape Maintenance District.

The Landscape Maintenance District consists of the roadway edge and roadway median landscaping, trail maintenance and fire abatement on trails and open space. City parks & the running of the Clayton Fountain are not included in the District.

The TLC in Action!

The Trails and Landscape Committee meets on a quarterly basis on the 3rd Monday evenings of the month (7pm) at the City Library (Hoyer Hall Meeting Room) 6125 Clayton Road. Residents of Clayton are encouraged to attend these meetings to hear what is being proposed and to provide input and get their questions answered.

The TLC will be evaluating use of targeted hardscape and limited replacement planting options for drought losses as funds and water restrictions allow.

Meeting agendas are posted on: City web site at www.ci.clayton.ca.us
City Hall, 6000 Heritage Trail;
Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Road;
Ohm's Bulletin Board, 1028 Diablo St
Please direct any questions or concerns to the City of Clayton via the website or address above.

Your Trails and Landscape Committee Members

Virginia Siegel (Chair)

Robert Erich
Kelly Marshall
Lorraine Mole
Jake Pauline
Bob Steiner

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FROM YOUR

CLAYTON TRAILS and LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE



2010-2011



WHAT are the STANDARDS and PRIORITIES of the District and the TLC?

- Firebreaks are Mandatory.
- Weeds are now cut along major trails and creeks twice yearly.
- Trees are trimmed for safety purposes first.
- Irrigation breaks are repaired as needed.
- Public roadway landscaping is trimmed twice yearly.
- Landscape areas are now fertilized one time a year as needed.
- Limited funds for targeted improvements of \$20,000 each year.

TLC'S STRATEGIC FOCUS

- Take Care of what we have before planting something new
- Remove unwanted expenditures and control costs with strict oversight.
- Create Equity in the District.
- Implement Cost-Effective measures to improve irrigation and infrastructure and functions.
- Invest in improved equipment as a means to increase maintenance efficiency and effectiveness.
- Implement Seasonal and situational based labor to minimize costs.

HOW IS THE DISTRICT FUNDED ?

The District is funded by a special 10-year special parcel tax "Measure B" passed by the Clayton voters in June 2007 that is currently \$ 207.56 per year that appears on your property tax bill. This assessment can only be increased for inflation with a maximum annual increase cap of 3% per year. This is the only source of funding for the Landscape District supplies, electricity, irrigation, water, and labor. All funds are kept separate and only used for the voter approved Landscape District expenses. *(The operation of the Clayton Fountain was not approved by voters to be included in the District).*



QUICK FACTS of Your Landscape Maintenance DISTRICT --YOUR "FRONT YARD"

- The District landscape covers over 2,000,000 sq. ft.
- There are 40,700 sq. ft. of lawns and flowerbeds.
- There are over 2,871 trees in the City.
- There are 515 acres of open space.
- There are 7 miles of creek side trails and 20 miles of open space trails.
- There are about 50 street islands and medians.
- The District uses equivalent of only three full time staff and includes the use of some seasonal and volunteer workers as needed.
- From May 2008 to May 2010 the Contra Costa Water District had mandatory water reductions of 45% for the Landscape District. The District priorities was to preserve trees, then shrubs and to eliminate watering of lawns and groundcovers to stay within the limits and to avoid financial penalties through even higher water costs.
- Adopt-A- Trail program established to encourage trail maintenance funding and volunteering.

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 6(f)



Memo

To: Trails and Landscape Committee members

From: Laura Hoffmeister, Asst. to the City Manager

Meeting Date: August 30, 2010

Re: Selection Vice Chair for remainder of 2010

At its July November 2008 meeting the TLC selected Chair Virginia Siegel and Vice Chair Jerry Kosel to serve in those capacities during 2009. During 2009 the TLC decided that their meetings could be held on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings only as needed. In February 2010 staff noted that the Chair and Vice Chair had completed a year in those capacities as had been traditionally the time frame. However the TLC requested the serving Chair and Vice Chair to continue for another year since the meetings were only quarterly. Both the Chair and Vice Chair agreed.

Vice Chair Kosel's term as a member of the TLC expired in June 2010. Mr. Kosel decided not to reapply for continuing on the TLC after having served for more than two terms.

The position of Vice Chair is currently vacant and the TLC needs to select a member to serve in that capacity through 2010. At the last meeting of 2010 or first meeting of 2011 the Chair and Vice Chair would then be selected for the 2011 year.

Recommendation: Select a Vice Chair to serve through 2010.

Agenda Date: 8/10/30

Laura Hoffmeister

Agenda Item: 7(a)

From: Laura Hoffmeister [lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 5:01 PM
To: 'President@ClaytonValleyGardenClub.org'
Subject: RE: Report a Problem

Linda:

Thank you for contacting us with your follow up information I have forwarded it to both John J and Mark J -- Mark has been on vacation and is returning Wed (tomorrow) and John departs for vacation I believe -- I also copied the city manager since he received a copy of your original letter

Laura Hoffmeister
Asst. to the City Manager - City of Clayton

LHoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us

City of Clayton
6000 Heritage Trail
Clayton CA 94517

925-673-7308 (ph/vm)
925-672-4917 (fax)

-----Original Message-----

From: President@ClaytonValleyGardenClub.org [mailto:President@ClaytonValleyGardenClub.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 3:47 PM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: Report a Problem

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(President@ClaytonValleyGardenClub.org) on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 18:47:27

date: 8/24/2010

time: 3:30 PM

persons_name: Linda Cruz

phone: 672-0503

issue: Irrigation/Sprinklers

comments: Hello John Johnston: It was very good speaking with you yesterday re the sprinkler problems. After we departed, I stopped at Skipolini's as I saw Clayton, the manager, was in. I asked him to check the planter box system as it was not getting water (the only one not on city hookup). We found that someone had turned the top of the sprinkler head off with a screwdriver. I wanted to share this information with you as possibly that may be what happened to the planter boxes on Main Street.
Sincerely, Linda Cruz

submit: Send Form to City

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Laura Hoffmeister

Agenda Item: 7(b)

From: John Johnston [johnston@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 1:28 PM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Report a Problem

We usually take care of sight obstruction within a few days after it is reported. .again this is part of our normal maintenance.

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 12:22 PM
To: 'John'
Subject: FW: Report a Problem

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 9:59 AM
To: 'mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us'
Subject: FW: Report a Problem

Please note the following etc (Muni code states 30" if plants are in visual triangle which is about 45 feet back along Clayton road intersection)

Laura Hoffmeister

-----Original Message-----

From: postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us [mailto:postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 8:03 AM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: Report a Problem

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us) on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 11:03:05

date: 6/9/10

issue: Vision Obscured Hazard

comments: The bushes along Clayton Road (near Atchinson Stage Rd. - east) are so long that it is very dangerous when pulling out of the east side of Atchinson Stage Road onto Clayton Road. It is time for the city to trim them so that there is clear vision without obstructions when pulling out into oncoming traffic. Thank you!

Laura Hoffmeister

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 7(c)

From: John Johnston [johnston@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 1:26 PM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Report a Problem

This was taken care of about a couple days after it was reported. Mitchell Canyon was the next area on the list to be landscaped at that time. It was part of our normal 2 times a year trim. We were not spending more time on main streets...but we often use early morning traffic hours to trim areas off the main road.

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 12:21 PM
To: 'John'
Subject: FW: Report a Problem
Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 2:29 PM
To: 'Mark'; 'John'
Subject: FW: Report a Problem
Importance: High

I believe these are the tall weeds on the east side about half way down the street there are some tall ones that look like shrubs but they are a clumps of weeds

LHoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us

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-----Original Message-----

From: anita.hinds@sbcglobal.net [mailto:anita.hinds@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2010 10:11 AM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: Report a Problem

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(anita.hinds@sbcglobal.net) on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 13:10:48

date: CURRENT

persons_name: ANITA HINDS

phone: 925-672-1503

issue: Overgrown Weeds or Trash

comments: MITCHELL CANYON RD FROM CLAYTON RD TO QUARRY. MANY WEEDS NEED MAINTENANCE. I
THOUGHT WE PASSED A PARCEL TAX TO COVER THE MAINTAINING OF THE CITY.

submit: Send Form to City

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I spoke to the property owner. The branches were not pushing over the fence or causing any problem -- there is not a problem there were some small branches getting close to the fence and they have been trimmed back. Some of the other branches were above and over the fence and I spoke to the property owner and advised her that she can trim back to the fence line if she wants to do that.

Mark Janney

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 1:20 PM
To: 'Mark Janney (City of Clayton)'
Cc: 'gnapper@ci.clayton.ca.us'
Subject: FW: Report a Problem

Mark please investigate, notify the owner of your findings, (copy me) what actions will (or will not) be taken == thanks

Laura Hoffmeister

-----Original Message-----

From: zubcazuby@gmail.com [mailto:zubcazuby@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 12:50 PM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: Report a Problem

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(zubcazuby@gmail.com) on Thursday, July 15, 2010 at 15:50:20

date: 07/15/2010

time: 12:43pm

persons_name: Kapadia

phone: 925.876.5371

issue: Street Tree Maintenance

comments: The trees on the Black Diamond Trail behind 118 Gold Rust Court are over grown and the branches are pushing and breaking our back yard fence. We are requesting your immediate visit to the site and to take necessary action. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us @ 925.876.5371.

Thank you
Kapadias

submit: Send Form to City

Agenda Date: 8/30/10

Agenda Item: 7(e)

Laura Hoffmeister

From: mjanney [mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 10:36 AM
To: carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com
Cc: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Broken Split Rail Fence

Hi Carol

We have fixed the split rail that was broken so you can pass it on to the HOA Mark

From: Carol Mitchell [mailto:carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 1:49 PM
To: mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us
Cc: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Broken Split Rail Fence

Thanks for the update Mark!

HOA Quality Management, LLC
P.O. Box 269
Oakley, CA 94561
(925) 625-1518
Fax (925) 625-1583
www.hoaqualitymgmt.com

From: mjanney [mailto:mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 1:52 PM
To: carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com
Cc: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Broken Split Rail Fence

Carol

It does look like it is in the Clayton Landscape District so we will be looking into getting it repair. Mark.

From: Carol Mitchell [mailto:carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com]
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010 12:09 PM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us; 'Mark Janney (City of Clayton)'
Subject: FW: Broken Split Rail Fence

Hi You Two,

Any progress on this issue yet? A homeowner (who didn't know I already knew about the fence) called me yesterday to ask me about it, and I explained that I was waiting to hear back from you, since I believe it's the City's maintenance responsibility to repair. The Board meets next Wednesday, 8/4, so if you're able to get back to me by then, that would be much appreciated.

Regards,
Carol

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From: Carol Mitchell [mailto:carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 12:35 PM
To: 'lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us'; 'Mark Janney (City of Clayton)'
Cc: 'Rick'
Subject: RE: Broken Split Rail Fence

No problem. Thanks Laura!

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From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 12:37 PM
To: carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com; 'Mark Janney (City of Clayton)'
Cc: 'Rick'
Subject: RE: Broken Split Rail Fence

Carol:

We have received your email and with vacations the follow up research on the responsibility of the fence you inquired about got overlooked. We are currently moving forward on the research and anticipate having a response from this research back to you July 23.
Thanks for your patience and reminder about this

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From: Carol Mitchell [mailto:carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 9:31 AM
To: Mark Janney (City of Clayton)
Cc: Laura Hoffmeister (City of Clayton)
Subject: FW: Broken Split Rail Fence

Hi Mark (or Laura),

One of my Board members at Chaparral Springs has confirmed that this split rail fence hasn't been fixed yet (though he says it appears to be a quick fix), so I'm following up again to see if you have found any documentation that makes it the Association's responsibility, since I haven't and I believe it is the City's responsibility.

Thanks,
Carol

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From: Carol Mitchell [mailto:carol@hoaqualitymgmt.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:09 AM
To: Mark Janney (City of Clayton)
Subject: Broken Split Rail Fence

Hi Mark,

The Chaparral Springs Board members and I were doing a walk around and through the community yesterday, and when we were up along Oakhurst Drive, we noticed that the top rail of the split rail fence next to the sidewalk and above our common area slope was broken. As a point of reference, it's above the home at 1193 Shell Lane. I've attached a site map for your reference. Would you please add this to the maintenance crew's "to do" list if you haven't already noticed it?

Thanks,
Carol Mitchell
Manager

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From: mjanney [mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 10:30 AM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Report a Problem

We had to remove the remaining letters you can guess which ones they left up any way yes we are ordering new letters for this sign and reinstalling but it will be at a minimum of a few weeks before this happens, the business that I go to is in the process of moving.

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 10:12 AM
To: mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us; 'John'
Subject: FW: Report a Problem

I have had a few inquiries on this --- can you give me some info

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-----Original Message-----

From: csheffield@sbcglobal.net [mailto:csheffield@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 5:51 PM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: Report a Problem

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(csheffield@sbcglobal.net) on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 20:51:06

date: August 4, 2010

time: 5pm

persons_name: Cristie Sheffield

issue: Street Sign Replacement/Repair

comments: As you enter the Peacock Creek development by Oakhurst Country Club (Peacock Creek Drive/Clayton Road), my daughter noticed that the bronze (?) letters spelling "Peacock" in "Peacock Creek" are missing. I hope this is due to repair, and not a case of theft.
Thank you.

submit: Send Form to City

Laura Hoffmeister

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From: mjanney [mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 2:59 PM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: FW: City of Clayton Feed back Form Regency Drive Median
This is the one you were asking about, never heard back

From: mjanney [mailto:mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:07 PM
To: 'amacfarlane@sbcglobal.net'
Subject: City of Clayton Feed back Form Regency Drive Median

Hi Adair

The City has no problem with your project to bark the median island on Regency Drive at the intersection of Marsh Creek Road. We just ask since you are working on City property that is on a roadway that some safety equipment be used. You can give a call or e-mail me back about what needs to be done and arrange to pick-up the equipment which would include traffic safety cones, roadwork sign, and vests. My phone number is 925-673-7327 (office) or 925-250-5803 (cell) Looking forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

Mark Janney Maintenance Supervisor.

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Laura Hoffmeister

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From: mjanney [mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, July 02, 2010 3:24 PM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us
Cc: jjohnston@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: Report a Problem landscape District Peacock Creek

This is Oakhurst Property they have weeds and shrubs growing over the side walk from their drive way to Clayton Road.

-----Original Message-----

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 2:08 PM
To: 'Mark'; 'John'
Cc: gnapper@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: FW: Report a Problem landscape District Peacock Creek

-----Original Message-----

From: postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us [mailto:postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 12:45 PM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: Report a Problem

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us) on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at 15:45:28

date: 7/1

time: 1 PM

issue: Other

comments: At the bottom of Peacock Creek there is a large bush that has been infringing on the sidewalk. There is also a large pile of dirt at same location from a squirrel that has burrowed next to sidewalk.

submit: Send Form to City

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Laura Hoffmeister

From: mjanney [mjanney@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 1:14 PM
To: lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us; rhowe@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: RE: FW: city feedback form

From: Laura Hoffmeister <lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us>
Subject: FW: city feedback form
To: alacuna@sbcglobal.net
Date: Friday, June 11, 2010, 10:36 AM

Thank you for contacting us with your concern.
I have referred this to our code enforcement officer -- if there is a public hazard we will notify the property owner/resident and they will need to make the repair etc -- the fences are not city owned or maintained -- the land on either side of the trail is also not public owned -- it is owned by the golf course. The city has only a trail easement for the path across the open area from the golf course -- the golf course owns the creek and the property.

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-----Original Message-----

From: postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us [mailto:postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 11:10 PM
To: cityinfo@ci.clayton.ca.us
Subject: city feedback form

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
(postmaster@ci.clayton.ca.us) on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 02:10:20

First Name: Al

Last Name: Acuna

Street Address: 5962 Cardinet Drive

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zipcode: 94517

city: Clayton

Contacts email: alacuna@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 9256725148

Subject: I walk the trails, especially the one trail by the Mitchell Creek. There is one fence that I am very concerned about and it is located by 5801 Caulfield Drive. There is a public path next to the chain link fence that goes towards the creek. There is a fence on the right hand side that is practically falling down and it appears to be held up by trees. It is leaning towards the path. If a child or even an adult should be under it when it collapses it could seriously injure or even kill someone. Could someone please take a look at it?

Submit: Send Comments

Agenda Date: 8/30/10Agenda Item: 7(j)**Laura Hoffmeister**

From: Laura Hoffmeister [lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 6:27 PM
To: 'quiganator@yahoo.com'
Cc: 'Hank Stratford'; 'Virginia Siegel'
Subject: FW: Clayton Resident Wish proposed response

From: Laura Hoffmeister [mailto:lhoffmeister@ci.clayton.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 6:24 PM
To: 'quiganator@yahoo.com'
Cc: 'Hank Stratford'; 'Virginia Siegel'
Subject: FW: Clayton Resident Wish proposed response

Dear Cheryl:
 First off, welcome to Clayton.

Your email was forwarded to me by the Mayor for a response. I am the staff coordinator for the City's Trails and Landscape Committee (TLC). The TLC is a group of seven residents that advises staff and the City Council on matters relating to the City's trail and open space areas (we do not do the active park areas). Since your email mentions your concerns and ideas for the Trails it was appropriate that the Mayor ask me to respond.

In your email you suggest that we should we should have more trash cans /doggie disposal containers along our trails. This item has been looked at many times in the past by various citizen groups and City Council, most recently this last year with the TLC. In general the City Council determined not to place doggie mitt stations along the trails due to a variety of factors. Those factors included more litter and maintenance issues with kids taking the plastic out of the holder and them blowing in the wind and them getting into the creeks and causing additional litter; newer state regulations imposed on the city for reducing and eliminating sources of trash, especially plastic bags in creeks; potential state regulations that would require cities to eliminate the use of plastic bags in its purchasing and that in grocery stores. However the City Council did include them in the donor recognition program for the following locations: Lydia Lane Park (it already has trash can); Westwood park (which also has trash can); El Molino/old Marsh Creek Road and the Community Park. The donor could purchase the container for about \$500. It cost the City about \$120 a roll to supply it with mitts.

As to the trash container idea there were some locations identified that the public or organizations could fund through purchase of a can in our recognition purchase program as well. In the program there is a specific type of container and specific locations as to placement of containers. The placement locations were based upon a variety of factors most notably was ability of maintenance staff to service them; visibility to other areas so that vandalism is minimized; and not close to the creek corridor so as to comply with state water quality requirements. Also of concern is we are in a wildlife interface area and our trash cans are visited by a variety of nocturnal and daytime animals and they often remove items from the containers and make mess -- so the type of container, and how it is anchored to the ground were also specified. We have trash cans along the Main Cardinet Trail which runs from Safeway to Downtown, at Westwood Park, Lydia Lane Park, Library, knoll at top of trail off black Diamond Plaza (between old Marsh Creek Rd and Center/Easley Dr) Black Diamond Plaza, and Downtown, going past downtown there are ones at the Dog Park and Community Park. We found in our past outreach efforts and communication with the Dog Park support group that most responsible pet owners know of these locations as well. El Molino/old Marsh Creek Rd. is an approved location for which no one has funded the can installation. It costs \$1740 for the trash can. Overall there is a trash can every half mile or closer along the main trail route- Cardinet Trail.

We have periodically provided news information in the local Clayton Pioneer in the Mayors column, Police Chiefs column and the Trails and Landscape Committee column to remind our citizens to not discard items along the trails and to be responsible pet owners and pick up after their pets. Most of our

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community members are responsible citizens, however there are a small amount that no matter what is provided or done or said will not make the effort or comply with the law (speeding, not making full stops at stop signs, etc as well). The City Council determined not to pursue signage as the ones not abiding by the rules would likely not obey the signage either. As to feces along the trails we have also found that it is not all from pet waste. Our creek corridors are used by a variety of wildlife and they also leave their mark, this includes the many foxes, coyotes, etc that are larger animals that are typically out only in the evening so are not seen by the public.

We thank you for sharing your concerns and ideas. I have attached some information about the Adopt a Trail program and recognition purchase in case you or someone you know or an organization you may know might be interested in participating. The local Clayton Pioneer also accepts letters to the editor, possibly an article written by a resident such as yourself reminding your neighbors to be responsible pet owners etc might help in reinforcing the message as well.

Again thanks for your comments.

Sincerely
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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: CY Owens <quiganator@yahoo.com>
To: hank_stratford@yahoo.com
Sent: Sat, January 23, 2010 10:41:43 AM
Subject: Clayton Resident Wish

Hi I am a new Clayton resident and saw your article in the Clayton Pioneer about wishes for services, facilities, etc.

I want to start out by saying my partner and I moved to Clayton because of the small community atmosphere. We also love all the walking trails. Herein lies my wish. We have a pretty good sized dog that we walk every day (on Oakhurst). I will have to say I am quite disappointed by the fact there is dog feces all over the place. Not sure why people don't feel a sense of responsibility about picking up behind their dog. I know it is not my favorite thing to do but I know I don't want to see dog feces every where and I have to do my part to eliminate it as a problem. Also one of the weird things I noticed is that some people will take the time to pick their dog's feces in a doggy bag but then leave the bag. Do they think someone else is going to pick up behind them?

So when I read your article I thought of this wish. Maybe people would pick up behind their dogs. I thought the city could support this by putting garbage cans (or at least some doggie disposal containers) at major intersections. Maybe if people didn't have to walk very far with the dog feces they would throw in in a disposal container. I am sure the City of Clayton workers that maintain the beautiful streets would appreciate it as well. I can just guess that every time they trim bushes or trees they step in dog feces!!

Paris, France used to have this same problem but with a strong marketing campaign and support to the residents (putting out disposal containers) they were able to eliminate this problem.

I know it seems like a minor wish but I bet if the dog "poop" was cleaned up it would lead to an even more beautiful city.

Thanks for "listening".

Cheryl

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