

Rancho Bernardo Community Council's

Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) Committee Minutes

December 3, 2007

Call to Order: Frank Auwarter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance: Frank Auwarter, Robin Kaufman, Alethea Alternbern, Janet Atkin, David Blitzblau, Steve Ewart, Myrna Reese. Staff Included: Joe Henderson, Cory Peterson. Excused: Brooke Lambert, Steve DeMatteo.

Approval of Minutes: There are no November minutes due to lack of quorum. There are no October minutes as they burned in the fires.

Staff Report as reported by Cory Peterson:

- **Plant Replacement- Bernardo Center Road**

If you have noticed the work being done on Bernardo Center Drive, in center medians, I am replacing the rockrose bushes (and a few rosemary) throughout these medians due to the general age of the plants. They have become too woody and unable to fight off some of the adverse conditions in our center medians such as soot, shade, soil conditions, etc. Most were 20-25 years old.

- **Lights Estimates**

Solar powered lights estimate was at \$10,037.03 for lighting the Oak trees on Pomerado Rd. This includes (8) LED light fixtures, solar panels w/pole and approx 80 ft of trenching in median asphalt. This does not include street work if needed to go from one median to the next. We have 4 trees in each median near I15 freeway.

Other estimates for standard form lights is stalled because of the inability for the electrical contractor (Sundown Lighting) to access SDG&E power inspectors, due to fire damage call outs.

- **RB Road Turf**

Overseeding is finished and mowed for the first time. It looks very nice. Some complaints came in a week or so ago, that the water valves were stuck and flooding, however, the water was simply cycling on and off during the day because of the overseeding. The systems are currently shut off until further notice due to wet weather.

- **New Meters Estimates (Palm Tree Medians)**

Meter cost estimate will be approximately \$12,980 for each meter (\$25,960 for two) if Water Utility Dept will allow us to place meters in the medians, as is most of our median meters. The City's policy is to not allow this practice anymore for new meters, however, I have secured special permission for these 2 meters because of the nature of this intersection's complicated underlay.

- **West Bernardo Drive Street Trees**

I met with Drew Potocki of Streets Division regarding the Canary Pines along West Bernardo Drive that had been damaged by the fire. Drew was open to the idea of replacing some of the worst damaged trees with new ones. He would supply 15 gal trees if we had a way to establish them. Would you want to buy bigger trees? Pay to water with water truck?

Agenda Items:

1) Welcome Signs ~ Joe Henderson. After reviewing the situation with Boyle Engineering, it was reported there are some issues in proposed sign locations, specifically the one off of Bernardo Center Drive and lack of signs on west side of freeway. After some discussion, David made the motion to scale the project back at this time to just upgrade the existing sign. Seconded by Alethea. Motion approved unanimously.

2-9) Since these items fall under the budget discussion, they were reviewed in item #10.

10) 2009 Budget ~ Joe Henderson. After an overview of the draft budget, the following was suggested by the committee ~ Committee unanimously approved approximately \$30,000 in the budget for water meters for both Pomerado and RB medians by the palm trees. Committee unanimously approved approximately \$100,00 in the budget for irrigation and plants for the Westwood sound wall. Committee unanimously approved that the approximately \$8,000 Pomerado median improvement conceptual plans be moved into the '09 budget as it may not be completed by the end of the '08 fiscal year. The Committee unanimously approved approximately \$50,000 for the stamped concrete paving. The Committee unanimously approved approximately \$10,000 for Miscellaneous Contractual Services (ie: RB welcome sign).

11) Issues Log ~ Steve Ewart. No update at this time.

12) Other Business ~ Cory Peterson mentioned the needed replacement of all the Canary Pines which burned in the October fires along West Bernardo Drive. He will present cost for replacement at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:01 pm

Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman