

**Marley Park  
Landscape Advisory Committee  
September 17, 2019**

**Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members in Attendance: Valerie Jackson, Estevan Sandoval, Karen Smith, Rosalyn Soto-Clark (2), Ryan Petersen (2)  
Committee Members Absent: None  
Residents in Attendance: 4  
MPCA Staff in attendance: Rebecca Zeiber

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

- Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- AAA Staff member, Jeff Schlemmer, was introduced and provided updates on their first three weeks. AAA is completing quite a bit of initial cleanup and has identified a number of irrigation gate valves that had been turned off. Gate valves were turned back on and not repairs were needed. AAA has identified current watering issues (too much water on turf and not enough water on plants) and is working to resolve as quickly as possible.

The LAC Committee asked AAA to review the perimeter back of curb areas surrounding Marley Park and consider how they might be able to improve the look/health of plants in this area until funds for plant and irrigation replacement and new gravel can be earmarked in the budget.

The LAC invited Jeff to attend regular LAC meetings to provide updates and input and receive recommendations and input from the LAC.

- Park Partners – The committee will work on developing a scope for this program which will include opportunities for residents to interact with the LAC and MPCA staff regarding our neighborhood parks. A simple, online form will be created to receive feedback from residents. It was determined that the Park Partners Program will be promoted after the first of the year.
- The LAC is considering priorities for the next six-month period and will continue working on this process at a future meeting.
- Recruitment of new LAC members. It was determined that a call for new LAC members will be made after the first of the year. The LAC is placing emphasis on recruiting residents from a variety of Park Neighborhoods and specifically residents living East of Bullard and in the Special Service Area (SSA).
- Projects recommended for submission to the Board for consideration include:
  - Private Property Signs at the identified entrances to Marley Park. As advised by Surprise Police Department representatives, the signs (similar to the current sign at Plaza Park) will serve as notification to non-residents and enable Surprise Police to enforce no trespassing if issues are reported.

- Discussion items/projects for future meetings:
  - New Community Garden location, Community Garden Policy, Garden Club involvement, oversight, etc.
  - Define back-of-curb maintenance
  - Recommendations to revise Approved Plant List
  - Perimeter project – following input by AAA, may request:
    - Request updated quote
    - Recommendation on plant options
    - Determine project segments (to keep costs more manageable)
  - Potential enhancements to main community entrances
  
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm

Submitted by:

Valerie Jackson, Chair

Future Meetings:

October 22		
November 26		
December – No meeting		