

**ARROWHEAD LAKE ASSOCIATION
FOREST AND PROPERTY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Meeting: June 6th, 2008
9:30 A.M.
ALA Conference Room

Members Present: Jack Cooperman—Chair, John Henderson,
Tom Olhasso, Lori Pearson, Fred Read, Harry Sherman, Ken Stowe, Stan Tomlinson

Members Excused: Greg Naylor

Resource Persons: John Rutledge, Laura Dyberg, Pamela deForest

Chair Jack Cooperman called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

1. Approval of May 2nd, 2008 Minutes.

Corrections:

- Page 2, first paragraph, change, "12," to "22".
- Page 3, under Lake Manager's Report, second paragraph, take out, "in".
- Page 4, under Trails and Access Report, first paragraph, forth line, take out, "for".
- Page 4, following paragraph, first line, add, "on the north side of the channel," after, "ends".
- Page 5, under Old Business, second paragraph, second line, add, "was," after, "there".

Motion made by John Henderson (2nd) to accept as corrected. Vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

2. Managers' Report.

Property Manager - Laura Dyberg:

Ms. Dyberg presented the following report to the committee:

Location	Name/Project	Issue	Status	Pending
Acc 12	improvements	stair replacement	in progress	legal review
Acc 22	improvements	stair replacement	bid awarded; in progress	progress/completion
Acc 60	improvements	stair replacement	stairs completed; pending railing	completion
N301	Moelleken	vegetation management	completed	completed
N65A&B	Murray/Calhoun	irrigation/landscaping	request for removal of irrigation	staff follow up

S055	Mellinger	electrical	staff to remove electrical and tree stump	completion
S077	Weil	electrical	electrical pending contractor response	completion
Burnt Mill Parcel	Forest Care	hazardous fuels reduction	completed; CDF inspection found 2 items pending	pending final FC approval
Brentwood Parcel	Brentwood Parcel	hazardous fuels reduction	in progress; multi-agency project	completion
Burnt Mill Beach Club	renovation	interior painting & improvements	painting completed; finishing work in progress	completion
Tavern Bay East	site improvements - gravel lot	fence & gate replacement	request for bids out; due June 4th	bid award
Tavern Bay North	site improvements - chip lot	fencing around lot & islands	quotes	receipt of quotes
Village Cove Parking	site improvements	parking and pedestrian definition	grading and fencing in progress	completion
Village Cove Parking	fuels reduction	thinning for forest health & fire safety	start date June 2nd	progress
Village Cove Parking	gate replacement	replace slide gate with swing gate	request for bids out; due June 4th	bid award

Laura Dyberg stated that Mr. Mellinger has not taken the lights and wires out of the trees. She inquired if the committee felt that we should send a letter stating that ALA staff will take out the wiring if he does not, and he will be billed. John Rutledge stated that we have several options including telling him we'd place the wiring underground. Laura Dyberg stated that she will write a letter with options.

Laura Dyberg stated that fuel reduction at the Burnt Mill parcel has been completed by Forest Care and we will be sending for the reimbursement next week. The Brentwood Parcel is still under way. Tavern Bay East is still waiting to be done.

The split rail fencing for Tavern Bay North will be delivered next week. Village Cove Parking gate bids were received yesterday and will be awarded soon.

Laura Dyberg also reported that she, Jack, and John met with Forest Care's director and were told that we are still eligible for thinning with 50% reimbursement, for up to 80 acres.

Laura Dyberg stated that Edison's initial reaction is to not approve our request for reimbursement for bark beetle trees cut at Tavern Bay near where lines used to be. Ms. Dyberg stated that the Edison contact feels we deserve a reimbursement and will try to get it approved.

John Henderson asked about the Bruce Field electrical problem. Harry Sherman stated that this issue has been going on for too long and should just be handled.

There was a discussion on the Weil issue.

General Manager - John Rutledge:

John Rutledge stated that there have been concerns from the membership about the parking area improvement at Village Cove. He stated that after we did grading for parking, we received calls from area dock owners stating that ALA is infringing on their rights. Mr. Rutledge did the legal research and discovered that some of the dock owners have the right to have a fenced dock area. In the agreement that he found he discovered that we are responsible for the grading and the gate. Staff is going to meet with the dock owners in the area on June 14th to go over the improvements in the area. He has already met with some of the dock owners who could not meet on the 14th, and several other plan options have been discussed. We are trying to accommodate some of the requests of the dock owners as well as do renovations to provide safety to the membership.

Jack Cooperman asked that if any of the committee members know people who walk in the area, please request that they give their feedback to Laura Dyberg.

The committee discussed handicapped parking spaces.

Lake Manager – Jim Grant:

Jim Grant was not at the meeting.

3. Status of Demonstration Garden.

Lori Pearson said that the Forestscape Festival was rescheduled on May 27th due to weather. Despite the weather, there were people there on Memorial Day weekend and over 50 native trees were handed out. The rescheduled event day is June 7th. Lori Pearson thanked Ken Stowe and Fred Read for weeding and general clean-up before these events.

John Rutledge asked if Lori Pearson would like some peeler logs placed along the edge of the Garden. Lori Pearson stated that that would be a good idea as long as it does not back up against the plants.

4. Trails and Access Report.

Tom Olhasso reported that the plans for the bottom of Access 19 are complete. Mr. Olhasso stated the Cumorah is doing a great job on the trail cleanup and maintenance. John Rutledge added that Cumorah will be doing minor erosion work; however, our staff will be doing the bulk of the erosion work. Cumorah will be cleaning up the shoreline rather than trail maintenance on the next cycle.

Tom Olhasso stated that Access 54 will be looked at soon by John Rutledge and him.

Mr. Olhasso asked about the debris coming from the Osterkamp property. John Rutledge stated that he is unsure what the resolution will be for this.

Mr. Olhasso stated that AFP has not removed the stumps that they were supposed to. Laura Dyberg will look into it.

Tom Olhasso asked when the trail connection from Lakeside Condos to the Resort beach will be done. John Rutledge stated he has been in contact with the new President of the Condos and we have gotten permission to cut out their handrail and will be moving forward with the installation of a gate, modification of the handrail, and placing new stairs during the summer.

Mr. Olhasso asked when we are going to reestablish the trails in the back of Winter Harbor near the Mashni property. Mr. Rutledge stated that he has been dealing with the homeowner who does not want to fill out a license agreement. He will be sending him a letter regarding his application being incomplete without the agreement, as well as other issues.

Mr. Olhasso asked when the contractor will start on the lower portion of the Blue Jay Bridge. Laura Dyberg was under the impression that they were done and will talk to John Rutledge about it.

Tom Olhasso said that there are a lot of homeowners who are extending their stairs down to their docks. He wants us to keep an eye on this activity.

Chair Cooperman asked if the wooden bridges around the lake are going to be replaced soon. John Rutledge stated that he is unsure which ones still need to be replaced; he will review this item with Tom Olhasso.

John Henderson asked that the access gate next to the Bank of America be painted and the sign replaced.

5. Correspondence.

There was no correspondence to discuss at this time.

6. Discussion of Consideration of Applications for Synthetic Turf Products.

This item was taken out of order.

John Rutledge stated that LACSD is currently in approval of high quality synthetic turf as an alternate to grass. He stated that we should consider using it in some very restricted areas. Mr. Rutledge said we have an application from a lakefront property owner in Hamiltair—in an area that does not have an ALA trail nearby.

There was a discussion regarding synthetic turf on our property.

Committee Member Opinions:

Harry Sherman – He said that in Hamiltair, and considering the drought, that it is something we should consider approving.

Stan Tomlinson – He feels that there should be no lawns up here. He said he is against it from the aesthetic point of view.

John Henderson – He is for it, as long as it has drain holes that can allow water through.

Fred Read – He is against it because of the cost, and the way in which it comes apart and can get into the lake.

Tom Olhasso – He stated he is against it because of the way it comes apart.

Lori Pearson – She said she thinks we should consider it where live grass already exists in order to reduce the watering. She feels there should be standards and do research to find out the best types that are available and what it does to nearby trees.

Ken Stowe – He would use it now and has had experience with it—it does work well. He thinks it is okay as long as it is not right next to our trails or the lake.

Jack Cooperman – He wanted to find out from our lawyer if we allow it where there is already grass, if we would have to permit it other places. We also have to keep in mind the permitting and policing that would have to occur if we only allow specific types. He is also concerned with LACSD's requirement to keep 50% of the land natural.

Chair Cooperman stated that we need to do the product and legal research before this can be considered. Mr. Cooperman asked staff to advise the homeowner that we need more information before we can make a decision.

John Rutledge stated that he will tell the homeowner that the Association prohibits the use of synthetic turf at this time and we are going to seek environmental and legal information before we consider allowing the use of it.

7. Old Business.

Chair Cooperman asked about the tree wells at the Parrish project. Laura Dyberg stated that the wells are there. Chair Cooperman stated that what he is concerned with is the sand that is around the trees.

Chair Cooperman asked about the access easement markers. Laura Dyberg stated that we have located a source for the metal plates and she expects resolution sometime this month. Laura Dyberg added that the property markers are in and we are waiting for the decals for them.

Chair Cooperman reported that high-water use plants have been removed at the VanDale property and have been replaced with some more drought-tolerant plants. He added that the only thing left there would be placing our property markers in that area. He suggested that a letter go out to the homeowner reminding him that no new landscaping or irrigation should go on our property without approval.

Chair Cooperman stated that we have been planting native trees (reforestation) in the meadow area near the Moelleken property.

Chair Cooperman asked about the irrigation that needs to be removed near dock N65. Laura Dyberg stated that she has been trying to get in contact with these members.

Chair Cooperman also asked about the sand that has been placed at Village Cove. There was a discussion regarding sand being placed behind seawalls. Mr. Rutledge stated that he had a meeting with the President of Village Cove regarding homeowners in the area chasing off other ALA members from the beach there—explaining that all ALA members are allowed to use that beach. Chair Cooperman stated that he wants this committee to review any applications regarding sand and seawalls at Village Cove or anywhere else on ALA property.

Lori Pearson stated that she has not met with her subcommittee yet because she is waiting to see what LACSD does with their policies regarding watering.

John Rutledge stated that the brick patio area is under construction at Tavern Bay. It is a work in progress and many alterations have been made on site.

8. New Business.

Newly Planted Spruces on ALA Property:

John Rutledge asked what maples are native in regards to Mr. Laughton who wants to replace a tree that was planted on ALA property. Lori Pearson stated that Big Leaf Maple and Vine Maple are the two native species. There was a discussion regarding what options we should allow the member to have. John Rutledge stated that the member does take care of the property, but not in the way in which we are currently expecting our members to do. Chair Cooperman requested having the member give us a landscape plan that the committee can review before any planting is done. John Rutledge stated that he will tell the homeowner: to move the spruces off of our property; that a native Maple may be okay or one of our Conifers can be used; note that fuel reduction will be done in his area; and that we are removing electrical in trees.

Stan Tomlinson suggested that we have seminars for new homeowners to know what they can and cannot do on ALA property. He feels that it would have a very positive impact on the issues we are facing with members around the lake. He offered to be in charge of the seminar as well. Chair Cooperman stated that he thinks that it is a good idea and suggested having all of the contractors attend as well. John Rutledge said it sounds like a good idea, however, it is something that would have to be done very often in order to accommodate the new homeowners and those who are submitting

applications. Stan Tomlinson stated that he is aware of that and would like to move forward with it.

Chair Cooperman suggested that we have our registered contractors and subcontractors be required to have and follow a set of approved plans by ALA before they start any work on our property.

The next meeting will tentatively be on July 11th, 2008 at 9:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Pamela deForest.
Reviewed by Jack Cooperman.