



## Overview for 2016 Planning Committee

### Goals:

1. Provide a list of proposed items to the 2016 Budget Planning Committee. These items would require funding and thus be part of the 2016 Budget. This list will be comprised of non-core/non-maintenance items and will focus on recurring events for the Activities Committee, supplies for the Welcome Team.
2. Develop a list of items for consideration by the Activities Committee for 2016. These items may include other, usually non-recurring, items which may require funding.
3. Maintain a list of "other ideas" which may relate to future actions aimed at the betterment of our neighborhood.

### Context:

One of the most important items usually considered on the November Board meeting agenda is the consideration of and board vote/approval for the following year's dues/general assessment amount. The figure for 2015 was \$ 370 per property (of which there are 280).

This Board action is based upon the budget proposal submitted by the **Budget Committee**, which often meets in late October or early November to consider what items will require funding in the coming year, and an estimate of those amounts. The Budget Committee will review current year expenditures for general maintenance and recurring expenses. The sum of these amounts will constitute the "core" expenses to run the HOA for the coming year. The **Budget Committee** will also consider the document submitted by the Planning Committee and decide which items should be included in the budget and funded accordingly. The sum of these amounts might be considered the "discretionary" portion of the budget. Generally speaking, the sum of the "core" expenses plus the "discretionary" expenses will be the coming year's budget. The determination of the dues/assessment level is a separate calculation, which won't be detailed here in this document because it incorporates estimates of reserves and "cash on hand" at the end of the coming year.

So the goals of the Planning Committee feed directly into the Budget Committee's deliberation process.

## Notes from Meeting

### 2015-2016 Planning Committee

Meeting: October 17<sup>th</sup>

LOCATION: substation on Renner Road

Attendees: John Fritsche (Chair), Travis Phemister, Eric Southard, Michael Krantz, JoAnn Houston

Following are ideas brought up during the meeting. Only the first two received any possible budget allocation for 2016. Two items at the end are specific tasks to be completed, but only the Manders irrigation mapping may involve a cost, and it is undetermined at this time. It is expected to be of a size as to not disrupt the budget planning for Grounds.

#### Project mentions

1. Median lighting **2016 Budget inclusion: \$5,000**
2. Median drip irrigation **2016 Budget inclusion: \$5,000**
3. Perimeter landscaping
4. Discussion of a Beautification Committee **2016 Budget inclusion: \$15,000-\$20,000**
  - a. Yard of the Month – Perhaps have a separate committee for selection of YoM
  - b. Seek help for DIY landscaping projects
  - c. Trees, screen plantings, ground cover, additional flower beds.
  - d. landscape design proposals
5. Manders contract: **Raise from \$38K to \$40K or \$42K**
6. Security cameras \$10K. **2016 Budget inclusion: \$10,000**
7. Cistern for watering select Common areas - will need feasibility work
8. Playground safety lighting
9. Potable water at the playground
10. Movie night (similar to previous movie night events held on a Common area)
11. Ice cream social at the PG
12. Convex mirrors at some alley corners to reduce collision danger. Problems noted with acquiring and/or keeping volunteers to clean and related maintenance.
13. Develop a POOP plan – plan would include additional signage, plastic collection bags and something else.
14. Security cameras at entrances – discussion relating to cost, configuration, etc. Would require a “champion” and considerable research.
15. Specific Action suggested:
  - a. Request a map from Manders of our irrigation system, even if we have to pay for it.
  - b. Need to make copies of our “large” contracts. Manders name came up as a prime candidate.