

Ray Goff

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Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:52 PM
To: Ray Goff
Cc: Denise Bartlow; Beth Pinkers; Linda Olson; Dick Cook; Marie Evans; Dan Halstrom
Subject: Re: Completion of Larch St Entry

Ray,

1. ARC met and discussed the Larch Street Entrance this morning. We approve the project as built to this point. We also approve the planting of the a "Service Berry" behind the monument, as close to centerline as possible, and equidistance between the fence and the back of the monument. We also approve of the application of a "walk on bark" mulch (matching that which has been used recently in the Gazebo area, and at the north side of the West Pond) over the area. Thank you for bringing that project to a conclusion.
2. We met with the two camps at the Village 7 Pocket Park, and have elicited 100% consensus on the following solution: The large white pine is to be removed. The large planting bed which abuts the rear (to the West) of the Long's lot is to be removed in it's entirety (except for the two maple trees) and replaced with lawn (seeded or sodded). There need to be 6' tree rings installed around the maple trees to protect them from the mowers and trimmers, and simplify the mowing and trimming process. This will cost a few dollars to implement, however, over the long run there will be a significant cost savings realized by the simplification of the annual maintenance (as you found to be the case in Village 8). The importance of Common Area maintenance cannot be overstated... but by the process of simplification, we can help to control those costs.
3. I have been following your recent correspondence on your efforts to find a suitable location for the maintenance shed. While I completely understand the NIMBY reaction you are encountering, this really all about making a decision that serves the common good of a community of 240 homes, and is most cost effective. There is one "best" location for this facility, and it is along the Bridge 2 trail, south of Creekside Drive, and North of Garrison Creek.
 - o There is adequate space.
 - o All of the infrastructure is in place, at this site, making it the most cost effective, by far.
 - o It is centrally located.
 - o It is probably the most secure location in the villages.
4. ARC has discussed the Maintenance Shed location, and we have made a decision. We have approved siting the Storage Shed along the West side of the Bridge 2 trail, south of Creekside Drive, and North of Garrison Creek. Much like a city counsel deciding to condemn a piece of private property for a public project, which benefits the whole community, we need to make decisions that benefit the vast majority of the Villages of Garrison Creek. Siting the Storage Shed along the Bridge 2 trail, south of Creekside Drive, and North of Garrison Creek, is one of those difficult decisions. Anyone who feels conflicted because they are, or have been, unduly influenced by any member of our community trying to advance a personal agenda, may chose to recuse themselves from the discussion and voting. I would also point out that, matters such as this, do not require a 100% vote. A 4-2 vote can be a healthy thing for the process of governance.

I hope you all feel this has been helpful,
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On Oct 28, 2021, at 06:58, Ray Goff <ray@goffvineyard.com> wrote: