

Saddle Creek Drought-Tolerant Landscaping

Ad Hoc Landscaping Committee Recommendations

April 17, 2018

Gary Orr's Request of Ad Hoc Committee

- ✓ "Must Haves"
- ✓ "Nice to Haves"
- ✓ Permanent or Semi-Permanent Features
 - ✓ e.g., hardscape, electrical
- ✓ Existing Mature Trees
 - ✓ Leave them (in most cases), or consider removal or replacement on case-by-case basis
- Water-Reduction Goals
 - Financial issue - CSD Board should identify goal
- Opportunities to Minimize Cost
 - ✓ Cost minimization was a driving factor in committee's recommendations
- Young Plants vs Immediate Gratification with More Mature Plantings
 - Financial issue - CSD Board should participate in this decision
- Amount of Funding Allocated for First Phase
 - Financial issue - CSD Board should determine funding allocation

Landscaping Objectives (“Must Haves”)

- Improve Saddle Creek landscaping aesthetics – throughout the year
 - With emphasis on areas from Little John Rd through roundabout
 - Improve the resort’s “curb appeal”
 - Restore or replace existing features, such as arbors
 - Remove and/or replace old shrubbery, hedges, leggy plants, turf, and ornamental grass
- Construct landscaping that will minimize cost for construction, water and maintenance
- Encourage continuity as Saddle Creek extends landscaping improvements throughout the community
 - Maintain “country look”
 - Repeat features, such as stonework features constructed by CSD near 13th and 17th greens

Stonework Features Near 13th and 17th Greens



Near 13th Green



Near 17th Green

Common Landscape Attributes throughout Phase 1 Area (Little John Rd through Roundabout)

- Hardscape
 - Manufactured rock facing similar to those used on gate house, pillars, walls near arbors, wall on entry island
 - Rock walls as developed by CSD (as in previous slide)
- Boulders
 - Rounded and/or “tombstone”
- Rock-Bark
- Drought-Tolerant Plants – Trees, Shrubs, Seasonal Flowers
- Soft Accent Lighting

Entrance from Little John Road to Gate House

- Remove wisteria vines on the arbors
 - Restore arbors (as necessary)
 - Plant light-profile vines
- Replace plantings in triangular islands and add rock-bark and boulders
- Install flagstone pavement (mortared onto concrete base) from curb to rock walls left & right of entry
 - Include open spaces for low-growing plants and light fixtures
 - Prevent weeds, create a clean, finished look
- Add rock wall segments to fill the gap between the existing walls and the gate house (cost permitting)
- Add rock-bark along the curbed edge of the center section
 - Improve maintainability
- Paint flag poles and light poles
- Replace signage
- Install irrigation and lighting
- Repaint gate house with fresh color scheme
- Seek drought-tolerant plant recommendations from Gary Orr and from community

Remove and Replace/Add Foliage



Saddle Creek Entrance



Flagstone Pavement Left & Right of Entry from Curb to Rock Wall; Use Rock-Bark on Open Ground on Island

Saddle Creek Entrance



Rock-Bark



Flagstone Pavement with Plants and Accent Lighting
Left & Right of Entry, from Little John to Gates ⁹

Gate House to Saddle Creek Ln

- Retain all healthy trees
- Restore or upgrade split-rail fences
- Add elevation for interest in center section
 - Place un-mortared, low profile, crescent-shaped rock walls around selected trees closest to the curb on sides (not the island) of Saddle Creek Dr
 - Similar to existing walls near 13th and 17th greens, but lower profile
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- Install irrigation and accent lighting for trees and boulders
- Remove turf on North side of the Saddle Creek Dr
- Fill all exposed ground on island and sides of Saddle Creek Dr with rock-bark
- Raise elevation and add landscaping on corner of Saddle Creek Dr and Saddle Creek Ln to obscure view of construction entrance
- Seek drought-tolerant plant recommendations from Gary Orr and from community

Gate House to Saddle Creek Ln



First Island from Gate House



Second Island from Gate House

Corner of Saddle Creek Dr and Saddle Creek Ln



Saddle Creek Ln to Roundabout

- Remove turf on both sides of Saddle Creek Dr
- Add rock-bark in all exposed dirt areas
- Create softening effect with lighting and shrubbery
- On sidewalk side of street, use crescent-shaped rock walls around selected trees, add rock-bark and lighting

Saddle Creek Ln to Roundabout



Realty Office to Saddle Creek Ln



Near Roundabout, Looking Toward Realty Office

Roundabout

- Create a raised, tiered effect
 - Using boulders, un-mortared rock wall around existing large trees in center
- Use cascading plants around rocks and boulders
 - Create a softening effect with lighting on feature
- For triangular, directional islands surrounding roundabout, replace formal hedges to become consistent with other areas
- Note: Use roundabout as a model for further improvements elsewhere in the community
 - Use similar tiered structure, boulders, plants and lighting to maintain consistency

Roundabout



Islands near Roundabout



Maintain Low Profile to Ensure Drivers' Visibility

Update the Landscape Construction Plan

- Current expectations of CSD Board and Ad Hoc Committee –
 - Landscaping design will be established in 2018
 - Construction will not begin until 2022
 - By 2022, all Saddle Creek streets have been repaired and transitioned to lower cost maintenance
 - Also by 2022, Measure A revenue will have increased from \$1,300 to \$1,700 per lot
- Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation –
 - Allocate affordable amount (\$20,000 - \$30,000) for each of the next three years, starting in 2019
 - Each year, implement inexpensive, but visible aesthetic upgrades to landscaping
 - First year (2019), focus on Little John Rd through the gatehouse
 - Remove the shaggy vines and shrubbery
 - Refurbish the arbors, if necessary and affordable
 - Rework the triangular islands
 - Hold off on expensive upgrades, such as flagstone pavement and extension of the island wall
 - If funds remain, add bark and boulders to barren ground between the gates and roundabout
 - Bark will be replaced with rock-bark in 2021-2022 fiscal year funding
 - Continue improving aesthetics through roundabout each year within allocated funding
 - Keep existing turf until we are prepared to replace it with something else
 - Ensure all improvements are consistent with the approved landscaping plan, or can be inexpensively upgraded in 2022

Give residents a *significant aesthetic improvement* each year to develop and maintain their support!

Remove and Replace/Add Foliage



Renew Gate House



Barren Ground

