

## Landscape Committee Report March 14, 2025

The committee met in February and March.

As reported last month, there is a dying pine tree at the West Entrance. The Landscape Committee has met with four tree service companies for recommendations and cost estimates. All companies advised that the tree should be removed. See details and motion in the Pine Tree Removal Proposal.

It has come to the attention of the committee that there are portions of DCCE property that contain invasive plants and weeds over six inches tall. These plants are in violation of city ordinances and pose a fire hazard, especially to neighboring areas such as Block 60 and Dorado 14. The committee has obtained cost estimates for removal of these plants in one section of DCCE property. See details and motion in the Invasive Plant and Weed Removal proposal.

It is important to recognize that **this is not a once-and-done project**. These areas are not included in the current landscape maintenance agreement. Invasive plant and weed management on DCCE property will require regular removal and mitigation efforts. Going forward, a budget line item for weed removal/control is needed.

Four new members have joined the committee. Work on developing a low water use landscape plan will begin later this month.

Respectfully submitted,

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