

b. 2004 budget - It was pointed out that recommendations for items to be included in the 2004 budget must be submitted by November 9th, 2003. This led to a discussion of items to be recommended for inclusion in the 2004 budget, using the list provided by Ned Goetzke as a guide. The discussion quickly identified items on the list that must be included and those that have a high priority for inclusion. Some items not on the list were also discussed. In the discussion, it became clear that there was not enough time to complete this work in this meeting, and that another meeting is needed to prepare a final set of recommendations. Another meeting devoted to this task was scheduled for October 23rd.

c. Maintenance equipment - Kevin Tansey pointed out that the majority of the grounds keeping equipment used by Maintenance is old and requires a great deal of maintenance and repair, but that there are no specific plans or schedules for replacement of the equipment. The Committee agreed that such plans and replacement schedules must be prepared for inclusion in Capital Equipment section of future budgets. There was a brief discussion of leasing grounds keeping equipment rather than purchasing it outright, but no decision was made.

d. Leaf boxes - The leaf boxes ordered earlier in the year have not yet been delivered. The company from which they were ordered is now out of business. The old boxes will be used until new ones can be obtained.

e. Storage Yard expansion - The Storage Yard will be expanded on the north side of the current yard. It was agreed that Residents who do not use the Storage Yard should not financially support it in their regular assessment. Rather, users should pay a fee sufficient to cover the direct costs of operating it. It was agreed that the fees should be less than local commercial fees for storing similar items, like boats, travel trailers, etc.

g. Pathway signs - There was a brief discussion of the need for proper signage and pavement markings where the pathways cross the roadways, but that this is a responsibility of the Town rather than that of RCA.

h. Neighborhood security - There was a brief discussion of increasing the number of security patrols in Radisson, but no action item resulted.

i. River Park - The first phase of River Park is on schedule, and should be completed sometime in November. The Committee is tasked to develop the policies for user access, including any fees to be charged and how to maintain control of the keys to the gate lock.

j. Swimming pool filter - The Committee recommended that the new swimming pool filter system be made up of several small filters operating in parallel for reliability, and that the piping be laid out so as to allow installation of more filters if the pool is expanded in the future.

k. Drainage ditches - There was a brief discussion about maintenance of the drainage ditch system. Verner Mize's Natural Environment planning report will form the basis for specific recommendations.

l. Maintenance facility expansion - There was a discussion of expanding the Maintenance facility by taking over the part now used by the Golf Course for maintenance of their gear, but no decision was made.

5. The meeting adjourned at 10 PM. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 23, 2003, in the RCA Office. This is a special meeting devoted to preparing the Operations Committee recommendations for the 2004 RCA budget.

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