



November 18, 2019

South Island Plantation Board of Directors,

I was on site Friday, November 15, 2019 for the follow up inspection. There are still a lot of concerns. The first concern is the complete loss of turf grass areas. These areas have not been sprayed under a turf management plan throughout this growing season. I was advised that a pest control company was handling the spraying in the community. This is a concern because pest control is completely different from turf and ornamentals. Yes, they do use similar chemicals but rates and the ability to identify issues and treat them are completely different. There is also a difference in the categories through Clemson. Now the community is going to be faced with how to regain control of turf weeds.

The edging throughout the community is not being done on a regular basis. There are areas along paths, curbs, and sidewalks that have not been edged in over a month. There is not a distinct edge line and now grass is growing over the sidewalk. There are still weeds growing up through the jasmine beds. They are not being sprayed or hand pulled. It looks like there was somewhat of an attempt to prune around the dumpster area, however, there is still a large amount of growth growing into the fencing which will cause issues down the road. There are still palm sprouts growing up in island beds close to the entrance. This is due palms not being maintained and the seeds are falling to the ground. There is still an excessive amount of dollar weed growing on the pond banks. This is normally handled through chemical control.

Common area and lots around 150-175 are not being maintained on a regular basis. The excessive weed growth and lack of maintenance in many of the circles and cul-de-sacs. There is high turf and weeds throughout the community that is noticeable on the wood fences on the side roads. There is a lot of pine straw build up along grass/sidewalk illustrating the lack of edging. Minimal maintenance is being conducted on the keeping the wood lines pushed back especially close to lot 110. Standard maintenance on trees and turf around the trees has not been on a regular rotation of maintenance. Coming into the community, there are overhanging limbs that can hit cars and trucks. These should be cut back. There is palm boot debris being left at the base of the palms.

The paths throughout the community (walking trails) are not being maintained. The grass is growing over the edges. The yaupon hollies still have weeds and undergrowth popping up. The ligustrums at the exit side of the community entrance still need maintenance and shaping. Turf weeds have taken over the turf at the guard shack and finally, after pruning some shrubs, there was debris left behind and not cleaned out of beds. I admit, SIP is a large community and a lot



of ground to cover. I can see where Earthcare made some attempts to correct issues, however, there is still a lot of concern with just the basic maintenance. The ability to identify issues and keeping a regular schedule is still missing and it shows. I am extremely worried about the amount of turf weeds that should be turf. The lack of turf management is showing due to no chemical uses. If these issues don't get resolved, the community will continue to deteriorate.

It's my recommendation that we possibly get another landscape company in the community to see what it will take to get the community back where it needs to be. The good news is that it's winter and growth is slowing down. We do still need to watch the weeds because there are winter weeds that will be present and grow. I know that Earthcare did state that they skipped some mowings this season, however, if that was the case, we wouldn't see this many issues with plants, trees and weeds.

As always, I am here to assist with any questions or concerns. Please let me know how I can help you out and how the BOD would like to proceed.

Thank you,

Best Regards,

Kyle Kocak
Landscape Director