

Landscaping Ideas

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1. Landscaping Options

- Board decisions; Need resident input for “major” decisions

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D
Mandated water savings	20%	25%	30%	50%
Ivy	Let wither for now	Replace	Replace	Replace
Groundscape Bark chips + Green creeper plantings	Sm Bushes + Soft Grasses + creepers	Sm Bushes + Green creepers 25%	Nice mix of mulch & Green creepers 25%	Mostly mulch; Bare; some Green creepers 10%
Bushes (dark green) & Rosemary / similar plants	Pac NW	Pac NW	Pac NW	Pac NW
Flowers	Keep Bougainvillea/color	Keep Bougainvillea/color	Keep Bougainvillea/color	Keep Bougainvillea/color
Main lawn	Keep	Keep	Keep	Mulch by trees/20%
Gazebo lawn	Sacrifice(mulch+gr)	Sacrifice(mulch+gr)	Sacrifice(mulch+gr)	Sacrifice(mulch+gr)
Pool lawn (L shaped)	Keep	Keep	Keep	Sacrifice
Fruit Trees (have lemon)	Add fruit 1-2 trees	Add fruit 1-2 trees	Add fruit 1-2 trees	Add fruit 1-2 trees

Examples – seen locally



- Mulch w/green creepers/landscaping



- Mulch with Small bushes



- Mulch plus bushes and plants



- Colorful arrangements (Los Altos)

2. Flowers in Planters/Boxes

- Recommend keeping colorful flowers (explore some needing less water)

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D
Mandated water savings	20%	25%	30%	50%
Planters by Gazebo (drip irrigation)	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers
Planters by Commons Room	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers
Planters by Front Entrance (3)	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers
Planter Boxes (outside resident windows)	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers	Colorful flowers

3. Water Sourcing Options

- Again a variety of ranges based on availability and cost of water

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D
Natural rainfall	HIGH	MODERATE	MODERATE	LOW
Gray Water	Buy x gallons	Buy y gallons	Buy z gallons	Buy a gallons
Distill water (operation)	Buy x gallon & clean	Explore options		
Store – rainfall	Water tank	Water tank	Water tank	Water tank
Cistern (under ground) build	Large tank			
Gutters (change)				
Drainage (change)				
Irrigation (sprinkler)	Keep	Keep	Keep	Drip
Drip irrigation	Explore	Explore	Explore	Explore

4. Use of social spaces

- Cocktail Parties: 3 Brasserie Tables available (locate by grill / in center zone)
- Firepit – easy to turn on and off the gas – with 6 or 8 chairs around it – in center zone of courtyard
- Lightweight outdoor couches/chairs (for casual seating/conversation)
 - Sunbrella cushions or similar; can be around lightweight cocktail tables
 - Could put on grass directly (as hotels do in their back yards) or soft beige light option (not lots of paving) like Palo Alto City Hall
- Add 1-2 Round tables for dining with umbrellas (that fold down)
- Dinner for 10-20 people (near grill zone) – buy enough small square tables that we can set up end to end to make 1 long table
- Wooden or lightweight folding chairs
- An area to give a lecture/talk – the center zone works for this (except Al's garden) – easy to set up 20-30 folding chairs
- Grill area : ?
- Bird feeder – encourage hummingbirds / other birds?
- Make outdoor dining at tables in front of Commons Room easier (if kitchen is closed for in/out use)
 - Provide 2 12" wide folding console tables - place on each end for us to hold platters & drinks
- Rain protection: Add an electric or manual tarp/canvas/awning to slide over the wood beams to protect from rain
- Commons Room – make indoor/outdoor space by replacing 2 major sets of front windows
 - Have architect explore the options (engineering look)
 - Option #1: accordion wall (fold up) – like homes in Hawaii and Los Angeles
 - Option #2: Barndoor (lower half) with electronic window that rotates up and back (like Pacific Catch Restaurant at Stanford Mall)
 - Perhaps handle this with the next major “Commons Room” renovations
- Entrance Corner of property (where large compost bin is) – is this staying there permanently? This is a sizeable area.
 - Could offer a round table with fold down umbrella in that spot
 - Could be a nice park bench to wait for your taxi/Uber with your luggage – good pickup spot?