

DRC Status for 8/4/20 HOA Board Meeting

The new short version of the DRC request form is proving to be very well received overall. We have been working to iron out any kinks that arise and quickly addressing questions that come up. Our turn around time has been fast and efficient. Of note, folks have not been able to submit the requests to a DRC member from our website. It seems submitting the forms through the website does not automatically route them to the intended person. I think they end up in “SMHOA limbo” somewhere. We have been asking that completed request forms be emailed directly to one of us. Future website updating may take care of that and streamline the process, as well as make it easier for members to find important HOA community information. Like, for instance, the map showing the location of the protected wetlands in our community.

The DRC has received 21 request/notices so far this year. All have been archived. Most of the requests have been for fence additions, yard changes, re-roofing, exterior painting/staining of house, trim, fences, concrete driveway accents and concrete stairs/flooring. And one request was for a therapeutic swing.

The DRC works diligently to honor the covenants to the best of our ability when we do approvals. When there is something unusual, like the therapeutic swing, we are not setting precedence for other requests that may be similar. Each request is thoughtfully considered and we work together to come to good solutions for everyone. And, as a friendly reminder, the DRC reserves the right (and has the responsibility) to uphold the restrictions within our covenants. We have no ability to alter these covenants, only the community as a whole can do so in a legal manner.