LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBILITIES
The Landscape Committee is responsible for landscape design and planning, planting and care of the plant material within the La Luz Landowners Association property. This Committee will make recommendations for new landscaping sites and new plant types; oversee proper maintenance and upkeep procedures for the plant inventory; educate the community of La Luz regarding plants and their needs; and assist in resolution of disputes over plant-related issues impacting the Community. The Landscape Committee is subject to assignments or instruction as directed by a majority vote of an authorized quorum of the Board of Directors.

COMPOSITION
The membership of the Landscape Committee will include a Chairperson, selected by the Board of Directors each year; a Board Liaison, assigned by the Board from within its ranks for one year; and, from the La Luz Community, up to 10 members at-large who are generally interested volunteers signing-up annually. The Landscape Chairperson and Landscape Liaison may be the same person in a given year.

MEETINGS
The Landscape Committee will meet at least 4 times a year – more frequently as needed – preferably at least one week prior to the scheduled Board of Directors’ monthly meeting. All official meetings of this Committee will have at least a three day prior notification. All official votes will be recorded in written minutes of the meeting.

DUTIES
1. To plan for, plant and maintain flora which are compatible with the architectural design and vision of La Luz. Within this parameter, we will be aware of the ecological composition of our mesa environment and the special considerations of our high desert site. We will plan new sites and the renovation of old sites with water conservation and drought tolerant plant materials paramount in our designs. We will consistently promote efforts to lower water use within the La Luz Community by encouraging xeriscaping and other low water use plant designs on the common grounds and by providing plant suggestions for private patios.
2. To submit a proposed budget and other fiscal requests to the Finance Committee/Board of Directors for approval. Once an approved budget exists, then all fiscal details having to do with the approved funds will be determined by the Landscape Committee through their meetings.

3. To work with the property manager in establishing timely maintenance and upkeep procedures and schedules. The time frame for implementation is included in the annual maintenance schedule which is submitted to the Board of Directors for annual approval.

4. To maintain an accurate list of plant types and locations on the common grounds area, and to perform periodic review of the health and vigor of all plant material on the common grounds and arrange for the removal of those plants deemed dead, dying or diseased. We may elect to retain outside professionals to assist with these evaluations.

5. To act as an arbitration authority having to do with plant materials, condition, location and height which result in community member written complaints between members or between community members and La Lu Landowners Association common property. An appeal process is available involving the Board of Directors as the review authority for the initial Landscape Committee decision. (The Board of Directors per a majority vote of an authorized quorum may overturn or reverse a ruling of the Landscape Committee.)

6. To develop recommendations for new landscape sites or renovation of existing sites as needed. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Board of Directors for review and approval process. As a part of this process, we will inform, in a timely manner, neighborhoods and/or individuals of significant changes in plant material occurring in their areas.

7. To coordinate our activities and planning, insofar as feasible, with those of the Architecture and Maintenance Committees, and to refer to the Board for resolution of conflicts arising from differences in interpretation of the responsibilities of the Committee as its activities may overlap or involve the activities of other Committees and which cannot be resolved by joint committee deliberations.

8. To conduct community education in regards to plant material and their environment through whatever venues are required and available.