

**April 24, 2019, 2:00 PM City of Novato/Hamilton Field of Marin Assn Meeting**  
**Meeting Attendees: Russ Thompson, Assistant City Manager**  
**HFMA Board Directors: Nancy Kawata, Alan Berson, Joan Goode, Marie Hoch**  
**Minutes By: Nancy Kawata**

Russ Thompson shared his notes from a April 18th meeting with Nancy Kawata and Marie Hoch.

The city confirmed the May 15, 2019 **Community Meeting** scheduled at Hamilton Community Center, 6:30 PM. City will send notification postcards to residents by May 6th. One week prior to the May 15th meeting, ribbons will be placed on 60+ Hamilton city trees slated for removal.

The City would like to have an outside contractor do the wall repairs. The City is getting a contractor to look at the walls. HOA requested some kind of estimate for wall repair prior to the May 15th meeting if possible.

City will require a release from homeowners for work on walls if they need to access the owner side of the wall. Possibly develop a plan to assist homeowners in removing trees that are damaging walls..

The City envisions sending a letter to owners with a perimeter wall on their property. The letter will ask them to remove landscaping if needed. The city will ask for permission to enter their property if they need to do so to make repairs. If the City thinks an owner is liable in whole or in part for wall damage the City will send an invoice to the owner before the repairs are made for their share of costs. There will likely be plenty of disputes about the causes, liability and costs. One board member said if an owner gets a bill for thousands of \$\$ it could be painful. Another board member said many owners have spent thousands of \$\$ to replace or repair fencing. The wall serves as a fence for these owners. This is a cost of ownership. What happens if owners do not pay? With sidewalk repairs, if owners do not pay, the City adds the repair costs to the owners property tax bill along with extra charges.

The plan and costs will go to the City Council for approval this year.

The HOA is open to taking responsibility for wall maintenance in the future, but not until the walls are in good shape.