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Rio Unit Okays Landscaping Job

The Rio del Mar Improvement Assn.'s board of directors took took initial steps to improve an "eyesore" in the area Tuesday night.

The board decided to begin landscaping plans for the barren area at the intersection of Rio del Mar Boulevard and Clubhouse Drive by authorizing Harry Tsugawa to prepare a design for a landdscaping project not to exceed \$5,000. Tsugawa will get \$250 for the design.

Board members agreed that the triangular piece of property is an eyesore in the midst of the landscaping that has recently been completed as part of the improvement of the intersection for the Deer Park shopping complex.

Director Dolores Miller suggested that two benches be put on the land where people could rest on their way to the shopping center. She further suggested that the benches be engraved with the name of deceased board members and the names of past board presidents.

In other action, treasurer Burt Kendall reported the association has a total balance of about \$10,000 and Carol Nudd, second vice-president, reported that membership was nearing 700

Directors Don St. John and Elmo Haden reported that they have had little success recently in recommending that the planning commission deny the reduction of property setbacks. "We're loosing Rio del Mar five feet at a time," Haden said.