

Building Committee
Landscape Sub-committee
Minutes 4.7.2014

Present: Tim Boland, Linda Hearn, Cheryl Doble, Lil Province, Margaret Logue,
Barbara Day, Nelia Decker

Guests: Beth Kramer, John Hoff, Hunter Moorman

1. Minutes: Nelia will send out these minutes to members along with other unapproved minutes before the next meeting.
2. The Landscape Committee is a sub committee of the Building Committee, and Linda Hearn as chair, is responsible for reporting to the Building Committee for approval of all that the Landscape Committee decides.
3. We are taking a closer look at the landscape plan in general to make sure that the infra-structure of what is underground (utilities, septic lines, etc.) is taken into consideration. Tim suggested that Dig Safe scour the entire Library property, but there is some concern that they could miss something. Beth has the latest "as built" plans for everyone to refer to.
4. Specific garden areas:
 - a. Hunter will consult with donors to see what they really are expecting.
 - b. Two large beech trees are too much for those gardens given our concerns about underground utilities and the scale of the building.
 - c. A small ornamental tree on the south side and a multi stemmed tree on the north side are being considered.
 - d. Shrubs planted in the two front garden beds will have some undulation and will give a sense of enclosure to the furniture groupings. Hunter will leave it to Cheryl and Lil to determine what is best to plant there, but mentioned that Suki De Braganza may want to be included in the planning of her garden.
 - e. The two gardens need to be planned in concert so they look good together. John Hoff has some thoughts about these front areas, so should work with Cheryl and Lil. We talked about trying to make this area less ridged or stiff given the confines of the building footprint and making more attractive with less severe bedlines. That would make it appear less of a postage stamp and more of a special garden area.
 - f. The entryway, front corner gardens, plantings for the slope of the north terrace and the children's garden (along with moving and fixing up little Alleys) will be accomplished this spring. The Native habitat meadow will be planted in the fall.
 - g. The plantings for the slope of the North Garden should wait until Fall as it could be quite different if a wall is put in. It was designed as if the wall was part of it, so now, we have to wait for the wall! I will bring the original plan Monday.
5. Center walkway garden may need rethinking in light of the underground utilities.

6. The dirt pile in the back should either be sifted or raked once it has been spread. There was a question about who is responsible for that cost. John may be able to borrow a sifter from a local landscaper. That soil will most likely be used for grading, and the actual beds for plants may need additional top soil.
7. North Terrace: question whether or not the architect's plan is still doable for that area given that it is in reality much smaller. We could rethink the cement retaining wall, possibly put in a smaller stone wall with seating built in. Tim has the plants for that slope already growing at PHA.
8. The entry way garden needs a simple design-the sign is in and it will be challenging to plant a tree given the current terrain. The plan is to have a tree, a sign, and a simple split rail fence in that area. The question about whether or not to have a stone bench is debated. Ginny Jones has already donated the money for a tree. Given time, Cheryl and Lil will look into a design for this space before the next meeting.
9. Phases and money:
 - a. The Landscape Committee asks the Foundation for money for approved plans, which is given to the Town to hold on to. The Landscape Committee then gives the bills for work done to Bruce. Hunter would still like to know how much money is needed for each area, as the Foundation has about 2/3ds of the money needed for the total landscape cost. If the Foundation could get a comprehensive plan for the cost and what is included, fundraising would be much more focused and effective.
 - b. The bioswales will be built under Nauset contract, the plants are growing at PHA. John and Tim will be talking about planting those areas.
 - c. The entryway, front corner gardens, plantings for slope of the north terrace and the children's garden (along with moving and fixing up little Alleys) will be accomplished this spring. The Native habitat meadow will be planted in the fall.
 - d. John's estimate of \$154K for all work done didn't include Tim's plant list and labor to plant the beds(\$5k for the plants alone) and \$12K for the center walk way and bioswale plants, signage for the donor gardens, trees, and benches and the cost of the outdoor furniture. John will give us a price on landscape work after final approval of the design.
 - e. Alan Gowell's name came up as someone who could carve donor signs out of granite.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 8:30AM at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelia Decker