

Building Committee

Landscaping sub-committee Meeting 06.03.2013

Present: Leah Smith, Linda Hearn, Barbara Day, Margaret Logue, Nelia Decker

Guests: Beth Kramer, Hunter Moorman, Cathy Brannen, John Hoff

1. Minutes of May 13, 2013 meeting approved with one abstention.
2. Beth presented Tim Boland's and Laura Coit's plant photos and illustration of parking area with enlargement, plant list and key landscape features of the particular area. The plan is to create trace plans with the plants drawn in as an overlay to the various gardens. These plans would in turn be used in a power point presentation. Tim is hoping to not have to take each drawing to a fancier velum stage of development. Everyone seemed to think that the trace paper over lay would be fine for donors, Concom and Building Co. The key is a very helpful mechanism for picturing each garden's location, particularly for donors. It would also be good to have a key showing which gardens have already been spoken for.
3. Discussion about organizing the presentations: We could have exclusive groups of folks who may have an interest in paying for this, and the talks could be held at PHA, but we would need to be sure it is ok with Tim. Tim and Hunter are meeting Friday to discuss.
4. There is some sense of urgency, it feels like the fundraising time frame for things that will be ready when we move in is now. However, there is a feeling that specific plants, unless we are pushing for an all native garden bed (perhaps in the back NE corner) aren't as crucial as general costs for each garden area and how it will look overall. In terms of donations of plants/trees, it would be good to know what that will be donated ahead of time, before we start fundraising for specific garden beds, as the cost could vary depending on what is given. Although it does seem like donors are giving a set amount per garden area, and the amount that it actually costs to buy the plants and put them in may not have much bearing on what is given. Grants are a little more specific about how monies are spent, but wiggle room is written in.
5. The brick walk way will be paid for down the length of the center aisle. Could the trees be planted this fall? The trees are drawn in all on one side. Is this for visual affect or shade? John H suggested that a clump of Beetlebung be planted in the NW corner for balance, if we were concerned.
6. Discussion about the East plantings:
 - a. Paula's garden is in the SE corner.
 - b. NE corner-could be a donor opportunity with all native plants (to go with ConCom concerns).
 - c. The idea was discussed of having beds nearest the Library(another donor opportunity), then as one moves east moving into mown grass , then furthest east would be a naturalized meadow with the two donor gardens on either corner. Paths could be created that would lead to each of the corner gardens and to each other.

- d. There are two water spouts coming from the drainage of the gutters on the two east corners. We discussed having a water feature at each corner: a bird bath, a rain chain, stones.
- 7. Former Bus stop: it is library property and a possible donor opportunity. Hopefully it won't serve as a bus stop any longer. There could be a bench, and the area could be seen as a welcome mat for the Library. Signage for the Howes House and the Library has been discussed, perhaps something
- 8. Irrigation: John hadn't heard back from Patrick. John understands the need for moving things a long and will get the information we need by our next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 10 at 8:30AM at the Town Hall. Beth will reserve the room.