

Landscape Sub-committee DRAFT

Minutes February 10, 2014

Present: Tim Boland, Linda Hearn, Barbara Day, Margaret Logue, Nelia Decker

Guests: Lil Province, Beth Kramer, Hunter Moorman

1. Minutes of the January 27th meeting approved.
2. We discussed and approved Beth getting the info for the price and giving Melissa Patterson permission to purchase the granite post with a metal rod sign holder for the front area.
3. Lil presented her drawings for the back gardens, the children's rock garden is simplified and wrapped around the children's reading porch. The design for the teen patio is completed.
4. Beth gave us a quick explanation about the quarterly flushing of the fire suppression system. The hope is that the water can be recycled back into the tank, though Tim thought a garden plan for a smaller area high water use could be designed. Nothing should be run down the slope towards Eleanor Waldron's property.
5. Discussion about screening plantings on North side of the property bordering Eleanor Waldron.
Considerations:
 - a. We can't plant on the steep slope
 - b. There is no room for plantings on the north side of the north terrace on Library property
 - c. We need to be clear with the property owner that long term maintenance is under their care. This will require soaker hoses, mulch.
 - d. Plantings will be more effective if they are on her property, possibly one area of planting will be between her house and the wild swale.
 - e. Using Thuja green giants would be a good screen, buy them smaller and possibly enlist volunteers to plant them.
 - f. Costs are a concern, but the need to be "good neighbors" is a priority. Hunter spoke of a time frame for raising money, rather than a set amount, as the costs are mounting.
6. Hunter and Nelia will work on a tentative plan for furniture placement, and by the end of February, have a walk around to actually measure the spaces. Vineyard Decorators has some of our pieces coming, the remainder can be ordered from them and other sources.
7. Little Alleys: Nelia will discuss with Doug Ruskin who has prepared an initial estimate of the cost involved in roof shingling and possibly putting in a new floor (with materials the Library already has), the timeline of moving the building before or after the work is done. They would like to do the work in March and think that their cost for a supervisor would be about \$2000 for the project.
8. We would like to fix the split rail fence at the entrance to the Library. Tim is in consultation with Greg Barron re: the weedy overgrown patch on the south side of the Library that is on their property.
9. Melissa Patterson can also take care of the smaller metal plaques that will go on Alleys and benches.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb 24, Monday at 8:30. Beth will reserve the conference room at the Town Hall, as PHA is undergoing renovations.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelia Decker