

## Planting Plan Subcommittee (PPSC) Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Meeting

Attendees: John Bradley, Gloria Lewis, Kathy Proctor, Fran Thomforde

This meeting was held at the John Bradley's house and was convened at 10:10AM.

The agenda was circulated in advance. Also circulated in advance of the meeting was a DRAFT review of progress made towards the execution of the LLPG planting plan proposals. This DRAFT progress review followed the structure of the Narrative Summary that was posted and shared with the Garden Club in spring 2021.

During this PPSC meeting we walked through the DRAFT Progress Review, raised comments and had discussions on each section plan.

For the **South Entrance** the PPSC recommended moving forward with the proposal for hardscaping, including placement of boulders, addition of topsoil, and revision of the fence. It was noted that the recommendations would be passed to the LLPG Committee and then to the Garden Club leadership. In addition, it was anticipated that resourcing this work will involve submissions to the Lakemoor Hills Resource Council. The PPSC specifically recommends using 4-gauge welded wire 4'x16' sheep/goat panels modified to a "Bamboo Forest" pattern, with stepping of 4' sections down the slope paralleling the paved entrance path. The fence panels may be left unpainted to weather in place. However, the T-post supports will likely need to be painted matte black. This fence is intended to support flowering vines, eg Clematis armandii and Carolina jessamine. The placement of boulders and revision of shrub and perennial plantings is described in the Progress Report; PPSC plans for LLPG; Fall 2021.

For the **Gathering Place** the PPSC recommends compaction of the "floor" and covering it with shredded hardwood mulch. The mulch material may be included in bids for the **South Entrance** boulders and topsoil. Planting around the perimeter of the floor is "on hold" pending completion of the floor. Discussion of arrangements of existing seating and additional seating were deferred.

For the **East Entrance** the PPSC recommends planting small spring flowering bulbs in the vinca banks. Fran Thomforde has ordered the bulbs, and we plan to get them planted before mid-November. Gloria Lewis will add to the river stone mulch on the 'Hardy Hill' rosemaries planted along the upper end of the stone steps. It is proposed to pause on planting shrubs bracketing the pair of beautyberries on the top of the rim pending confirmation that their mature size is appropriate for the space allotted.

For the **Woodlands** it was agreed that Juniperus wiltonii can be planted above the east bench if we can source them this fall. Similarly, we will plant additional deciduous azaleas (and mountain laurel) this fall as available. Guara lindheimeri may be planted this fall above the northeast paved path. Additional spring ephemerals planting will wait until spring 2022.

For the **Fern and Rock Garden** ferns will be added including Japanese painted fern, and some of the larger ferns will require reduction/control. Sedums will continue to be filled in. Additional burning bushes may be planted above the **Rock Garden** as available. The monardas will be moved down to the **Raingarden**.

For the **Meadow** we will continue to spot in perennial wildflowers and, importantly, only cut the **Meadow** once per year in the early spring, before the daffodils appear.

For the **Meadow Edge** the key agreements were to install a weed-suppressing mulch around the stump birdbath and to continue to expose, but not yet plant, the rocky area. It was noted that donations have been received that could support a better birdbath with recirculation of water.

For the **Raingarden** it was agreed that some aggressively expanding plants warrant control efforts, eg blue lobelia and milkweed. Ferns may be planted in shady areas under large shrubs/small trees. Monardas will be moved to northern loop.

The PPSC agreed to finalize the Progress Report. However, because additional plants were being recommended, especially for the **Meadow**, the Plant List document remains DRAFT.

Additional agenda items were discussed.

Regarding the membership of the PPSC, Kathy Proctor asked to rotate off. All PPSC members were asked to consider who we should invite to take over Kathy's seat on the PPSC.

The History of LLPG has been completed, but has not been posted on the Garden Club website. The next step is to ask the Garden Club to review and approve the History, and then have it posted to the website.

The next PPSC meeting will be scheduled for approximately one month, at which time the Plant List should be ready for finalization, and the PPSC should be prepared to make a recommendation to the LLPG Committee regarding the PPSC membership for the coming year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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PPSC chair