

Legacy Park and Garden Planting Sub-committee Minutes

Members: Kristin Bianconi, Kathy Proctor Fran Thomforde, John Bradley, Gloria Lewis

The first meeting of this committee was held 11/16/2020 in Legacy Park

Determine Officers: The first order of business was choosing officers which were decided to be: John Bradley, Chairperson, Gloria Lewis, Recorder /VP, Kathy Proctor, Keeper of Lists, maps and charts, Fran Thomforde, historian, Kristin Bianconi, Everything else

Establish Purpose and Scope

We discussed the purpose and scope of the committee. We decided that our primary purposes would be development of a planting plan, to develop and keep an updated inventory of plants, serve as an approval board for any desired additions to the garden. We also decided to publish a wish list of plants to be used for additions to the garden and any memorial plantings. At this point the committee decided to avoid use of larger stone memorials.

Values and Purpose

Goals for the park are to develop it as a sanctuary for the neighborhood and others with aesthetic appeal, year round interest, design and variety. Striving for ease of maintenance, a somewhat self-sustaining growth with plants that offer wildlife support and provide educational opportunities. The thoughts of the committee are to use as native plants in the garden particularly the rain garden. Non-native plants will not necessarily be removed.

The committee will develop a plan for accepting and maintaining memorial plants from our wish list. Other forms of memorials were discussed but not decided on, and at this point we favor recognition on the Garden Club web site rather than in garden markers.

Establish processes for determining:

Removals: There was a discussion of the fate of plants that for whatever reason, the committee decides no longer belong in the garden. A number of methods were discussed including first come/first serve to garden club members, offering them for sale in a plant sale, or gifting to other garden clubs.

Relocations: There are several plants that are currently in need of relocation within the garden. New placement was discussed and some decided on. Certain plants will remain where they are for moving in the late winter early spring.

Additions: There are currently 8-12 plants that are available for planting in the garden. There was discussion about which ones need to be planted now and which to hold until spring.

Evaluate current plantings

The currently designated areas of the garden are The South Entrance(next to the Library), the Bowl(area below paved path) with the entirely native rain garden, the area above the paved path includes a section called the Meadow, Woodland, Rock Garden, and Fern Garden. The Rain Garden has volunteers (Fran, Rosemary, Kathy, and Kristin) who maintain their designated section of the Rain Garden.

After discussion of certain plants and garden area, it was decided that each member will bring a prospective list of “ What’s Next” for the garden to the next meeting so these ideas can be discussed and refined into a definitive plan.

No date for the next meeting was set and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by

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