

Planting Plan Subcommittee (PPSC) Minutes of the November 16, 2021 Meeting

Attendees: John Bradley, Gloria Lewis, Kristin Bianconi

This meeting was held at the John Bradley's house and was convened at 9:30AM.

The agenda was circulated in advance. Also circulated in advance of the meeting was a DRAFT list of plants that remain "wanted" for various sections of the LLPG.

During this PPSC meeting we walked through the DRAFT plant list. It was noted that some of the "wanted" plants have identified sources, but are not yet in possession. Some are already present in LLPG but are in short supply. It was generally agreed that the plants to be added must be sufficiently tolerant of the available growing conditions so as to survive with minimal care, and that the plants will ideally be donated or purchased at a reasonable price. The plants on the list are "recommended" and not "required". Some plants were added to the list during the meeting. The revised plant list is a separate document with a version date of 16Nov2021. The final approval of the plant list will be "virtual" via the same process as for the PPSC meeting minutes.

Regarding the membership of the PPSC, it was noted that it should be drawn from the LLPG Committee. As a first step, it is proposed that Garden Club members who might be interested in LLPG be invited to join the LLPG Committee. Specific "persons of interest" were briefly discussed.

Kristin reported that the Resource Council has accepted the proposal for hardscaping work at LLPG, which is to include addition of topsoil and placement of 3 large boulders in the South Entrance, and construction of a fence dividing the South Entrance from Gathering Place, and also Gathering Place from the paved entrance path. Money is to be transferred from the Resource Council account to the Garden Club account, from which the expenses will be paid. A bid from a contractor has been verbally accepted for the boulders and topsoil, including delivery and placement. Kristin's concept sketch of the positioning of boulders and shrubs was shared and discussed. A date has not been set for the work, but it may be before Thanksgiving and most likely will be before Christmas. Regarding the fencing project, it was noted that transporting of the 16' sheep panels will be challenging, and that they will need to be held in a work area with available electrical power to facilitate their modification to the "Bamboo Forest" design. Possible solutions for both of these issues were discussed. It was noted that moving the Little Library into Gathering Place will follow completion of the boulder and topsoil work, and subsequent finalization of the placement of the new fence.

The next PPSC meeting will be scheduled after the next LLPG Committee meeting, ie after the membership of the PPSC is determined for the upcoming year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

John D Bradley

PPSC chair