

## Lakemoor Legacy Park and Garden Planting Plan Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting date: 29 December 2020**

**Members in attendance: Kristin Bianconi, Kathy Proctor, Gloria Lewis, John Bradley**

The meeting was held at John Bradley's house, with observation of social distancing and use of masks. The meeting convened at 1:05 PM.

The meeting agenda is indicated by bulleted boldface type in the minutes. Synopses of the information shared and discussion are shown in *italics* in these minutes.

- **Review and approval of the 01 December 2020 meeting minutes** *The revised minutes dated 14 December 2020 were unanimously approved.*
- **Updates on:**
  - **Park and Garden history – Fran** *As Fran was not able to attend this meeting, the only update was that Suzan Bowman suggested that Fran could reach out to Mary Cartwright if she needs help with collecting the information.*
  - **Plant inventory and maps – Kathy** *The computer program for mapping the Legacy Park and Garden has been downloaded, and Kathy is just beginning to use available online information to learn how to use it. Kristin provided Kathy a pencil drawing of the Raingarden which showed locations of perennials, shrubs and trees. It was agreed that the inventory will evolve with the seasons and the emergence of dormant plants. Kathy suggested that photos of the LLPG should begin in January and repeated approximately monthly. Kristin noted that we can probably get overhead pictures with a drone courtesy of her daughter's boyfriend, but perhaps not monthly. Kathy commented that Kara Hudgens, a Garden Club member, is a photographer.*
  - **Development of the Garden Club section of the LHHA website – John/Fran/Kathy** *Kathy provided a draft flow diagram for the expansion of the Garden Club section of the LHHA website. There was some discussion about the positioning of the PPSC information and minutes stepwise below the Garden Club Steering Committee and LLPG Committee. There was also discussion of multiple locations of "Donations" which could lead to the same repository of information, and this should prominently convey the process for proposals for additions to (and deletions from) LLPG. This would also link to a list of plants that are desired by the PPSC/LLPG Committee. Suzan Bowman has volunteered to be trained in building/maintaining the Garden Club website, as have Kathy and Fran. David Couch has expressed willingness to provide assistance and training, and has asked for a written proposal for the structure and content we seek to add. Kathy said that Kara Hudgens is tech oriented. **John** will reach out to Kara to see if she might be interested. **Kathy** will provide David Couch the revised flow diagram as a starting point for his considerations.*
- **Review and discussion of the concepts for each of the sections of the Park and Garden – all section design "dyads"** *The draft proposals for South Entrance (Kristin/John), Raingarden (Kristin/John), Woodland (Fran/John) and Rock and Fern Garden (Kristin/Fran) were available for review and discussion at this meeting. The supporting documents for these proposals are attached to these minutes.*
  - *South Entrance: There was agreement on using a strong color palette as this is a beacon for the main entrance to the LLPG. The proposed plant selections are in the yellow => orange range, with a low-growing small flowered blue veronica for contrast upon*

reaching the entrance. There was also agreement on limiting to 4-5 perennials and displaying them in random and overlapping groupings. The current perennials (green and gold, Japanese anemone, blue star) are to be removed, as are the hearts a bustin and burning bushes. All of these may find new homes elsewhere within the LLPG, or with Garden Club members. It was noted that the currently proposed perennials are predominantly summer-flowering. The shrubs (Virginia sweetspire and Fothergilla) are spring/early summer flowering. Possible additions include a New England aster such as 'Purple Dome' for fall color, and a vine on the rail fence, such as Carolina jessamine (yellow fragrant flowers in the spring), honeysuckle such as 'Goldflame' (fragrant deep pink and yellow flowers in the summer), and an interesting clematis, such as Clematis viorna (leatherflower or vasevine).

- *Raingarden: There was discussion of removal of the inkberries, reduction of the beautyberry, and shifting of the location of several shrubs currently in the north end of the Raingarden to allow them to grow and show better, and to strengthen the "backbone" of the Raingarden, more effectively dividing it along its north-south axis and creating pockets or "rooms" for display of the perennials. Several taller perennials could help fortify the separation, eg swamp hibiscus, Joe Pye, black cohosh. The footprint of the Cherokee sedge is to be reduced in the Raingarden, and the non-native Ajuga is to be removed. The edges of the Raingarden were discussed. It is proposed to re-cut the edge separating it from the turf. A "permanent" edging is worth consideration but not required at this time. Some improvements in soil and drainage may foster success of dwarf crested iris (and other plants).*
- *Woodland: The differences in conditions between the east and west Woodland were discussed, and it was agreed that the west Woodland can support native spring ephemerals and other woodland plants such as wild ginger. Non-native "naturalizing" spring-flowering bulbs may be included, as might non-native shade tolerant "naturalizing" perennials such as Brunnera. On the east Woodland side there was agreement that the planting conditions are more limiting, and that heat and sun tolerance will be required, particularly near the paved path. The list of such plants in the proposal was generally accepted. The idea of planting low-growing juniper above the east retaining wall/bench garnered no additional comments. Similarly, the idea of using Cherokee sedge (or similar) as an erosion control along the drybed and paved path edge of the east Woodland garnered no additional comments.*
- *Rock and Fern Garden: The challenges of the Rock Garden were discussed, and it was agreed that plants that can smother weeds are desirable. In addition to the proposed sedums, wooly thyme might be considered. Higher on the rim it was agreed that we can plant a "drift" of burning bush, two of which can come from the South Entrance. It was proposed that additional burning bush plants be a "compact" growing variety and acquired from a nursery. There were no objections to trying to establish flowering perennials such as rudbeckia and monarda in the middle zone between the sedums and the shrubs. For the Fern Garden, the proposal to add a Danae and plant flowering perennials behind the middle of the retaining wall/bench was accepted, but it was noted that this is a symmetrical arrangement. That symmetry is countered by the asymmetry of the Fern vs Rock Garden areas. The expansion of types of ferns and inclusion of taller ferns to the "back" of the Fern Garden was widely accepted, as was the use of Cherokee sedge at the road edge to control erosion. There was interest in possible inclusion of Celandine poppy in the Fern Garden area, perhaps behind the Burford holly. It was*

*noted that the furthest north perennial planting area in the west Woodland might be a possibility, as well.*

- ***The perennial and shrub removals and reductions outlined in the Raingarden, South Entrance and Woodland proposals were unanimously accepted.***

No New Business was brought forward at this meeting.

In consideration of PPSC members personal schedules and when they could make progress towards submitting planting plan proposals for the remaining 4 areas, a target date for the next PPSC meeting is 25 January 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Submitted by John Bradley (chair) and Gloria Lewis (vice chair)



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