

Building Committee

Landscaping Sub-committee

Minutes 8.16.2012

Present: Leah Smith, Tim Boland, Margaret Logue, Linda Hearn, Nelia Decker

Guests: Beth Kramer, Hunter Moorman

Formally voted Linda Hearn as Chair of this subcommittee

Review of membership: Trina Gay, Carlos Montoya have been invited to join the group. Carly Look expressed some interest. We will check with them in September to see if they still are interested. Linda will check with Mary Lou Perry who is a member of the Garden Club to see if she would like to join.

Soaker hoses in the borders: any irrigation can cause a deduction in LEED points, however, Tim said that if they aren't on a timer, the points wouldn't be deducted. Tim said he could discuss this with Clara Batchler, the landscape architect.

Root barriers in the border: necessary if we leave any of the big invasive trees that are providing shade on the edges of the property. Tom Clark should be involved in determining which trees to save and which to remove. The architects are dubious about the need for root barriers.

Existing plant material: The Friends provided the funds for the gardens and the wall along with the continued maintenance. Susi Wasserman and Beth will be meeting soon to discuss the Friends interest and involvement in handling the disposal/sale of the existing plants and possibly continued maintenance of the new gardens and purchase of some of the new plants. Tim suggested starting with new plants (perhaps different varieties of what we have now) in the new landscape. We discussed having a 2 day plant sale: the first day we could charge, the second day plants would be free. Dig your own.

Mission Statement: Tim wrote a comprehensive mission statement of the landscaping philosophy of the project. One idea is to collect seed from nearby watersheds, grow them and then plant them in the new landscape. It is, however, not an all or nothing approach-more "Vineyard appropriate" plants rather than every plant being locally grown and native to the Island. PHA is developing an extensive plant list for the Commission, we can use that list as a guide. Question? Does using local seed and planting with a mind toward protecting the watershed give us more LEED points?

Linda and Glenn have offered to store the stones from the stone wall and trailers that will be holding the furniture on their property.

Margaret had concerns about the steepness of the grade on the north/east side of the building. Glenn will be asked to stake out the limit of the workline and the edge of the building so we can see more clearly what the plans translate to on the ground.

Hunter had questions about donors and what we can tell them concretely about the gardens to encourage giving. The mission statement can be referred, but Tim will provide an addendum to the mission statement with plants and their pictures. He referred to the North Creek catalogue and mentioned that Laura Coit may be able to do some drawings over the winter. Beth will chat with her to see if it can be incorporated into work she is already doing. Tim will show the library site in relation to the watersheds and other natural areas-to show the critical need of appropriate plantings. Discussion of the north, south, east and west gardens, memorial benches, memorial trees (they die and do need to be replaced occasionally) and smaller memorial gardens. The “big blob” landscaping concept may work better for fundraising at this point.

Our next meeting is Thursday August 23d at 8:45AM.