

Building Committee

Landscaping Sub-committee

March 16, 2015 meeting

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

Guests: Max Skjoldebrand, Beth Kramer, Hunter Moorman, Cheryl Doble, John Hoff

1. Minutes of January 26, 2015 approved.
2. North Terrace plans: have been drawn and need to go out to bid. We will wait until we have decided about the YA patio, so that it can be bid as a single project. The North Terrace itself has been roughly estimated at 12K. We don't see a need to continue the stonewall around to the steps, the slope is fine-perhaps some plantings to soften. LEED funds may pay for a wall around the condensers with an entry door.
3. Teen patio plans: Cheryl presented her plans that we have looked over before
 - a. Drainage issues need to be kept in mind
 - b. Its proximity to the Woods/Nunes garden needs to be considered
 - c. Half circle wall, full circle wall or no wall, or larger sitting stones set into slope, plantings
 - d. Need to flow well into the North Terrace design
 - e. Bluestone ground covering
 - f. Earth moving and grading will be required
 - g. Margaret had suggestions about the wall construction that would lend an intimacy and conversational ease for teens. Nelia's concern was that if it appealed too much to adults, then it would be overrun by adults using computers outside. If the space is designed to be more "fun" adults may not be drawn to it.
4. Budget questions: The Foundation does have enough money to cover our previously budgeted requests. Max clarified the need for estimates for the work and clearly marked invoices.
5. Max reviewed his lingering questions about some of the work to be done:
 - a. Talk to Tim Boland about the grasses beyond the Bioswales on the edges.
 - b. We have talked about an additional walking path across the Bioswale leading into the Gallery property, starting closer to the Library building than the current path.
 - c. The invasive clearing to the south of the Library will start when Tim is back to flag plants that need to be saved.
 - d. The butterfly garden to the south of the children's porch needs to be considered-the flow from the current plantings should be continuous. We need an estimate on what that will cost, though Hunter feels that it is part of the donor's original gift. Tim had suggestions for this area.
 - e. Beth mentioned the challenge of keeping kids safe: jumping/falling from the edge of the porch to the concrete pad-how can we discourage that? Sculpture, plantings on the porch, etc. Need to explore further. Nothing can go on the concrete pad itself.

- f. Discussion again of screening needed between Library and Waldron property. Tim knows a pencil thin plant that would work well.
 - g. The concrete handicapped ramp in front still needs softening with plantings-remove the grass strip in front.
 - h. Over seeding has been done
 - i. John Hoff will be responsible for doing the work and covering the expense of fixing the drainage issue in the Southeastern corner of the parking lot, unless it involves a French drain, which is possible. LEED money may cover that.
 - j. \$2500 is budgeted for 2 rough hewn granite benches along the Nunes/Woods path. Concern about people being able to get up and down from them comfortably, discussion of strategic chair (with backs and arms) placement .
 - k. Nelia will look into ordering the semi-circular benches for the Woods/Nunes garden. Cheryl requested that they each have two arm rests and backs.
6. Educational signage: Tim is organizing, we should check in with him.

Our next meeting is March 30th at 8:30AM.