

Building Committee

Landscape Sub-Committee Meeting

July 28, 2014

Present: Margaret Logue, Tim Boland, Linda Hearn, Leah Smth, Barbara Day, Lil Province, Nelia Decker

Guests: Hunter Moorman

1. Minutes from July 14 approved as written.
2. Waiting for a notice from the ConCom to prune invasives on the East and South Side. We have permission to remove the arbor vitae.
3. Bioswale grasses can be planted after August 15th and after the parking lot edges are taken care of. Wheel stops may help the brick floating as well as a new metal lip and cement on the shorter ends. Tim suggested using cement and a metal lip on the long sides, though the architects are concerned with the appearance and the ability of the water to flow. Tim feels that the porous nature of the parking lot itself allows for water to flow down and into the bioswales, effectively flowing underneath the kind of cement barrier we are discussing. Hunter suggested coming up with the budget and the ideal solution for the work needed to stop the pavers from floating to see if it is something the Foundation could pay for.
4. Barbara suggested painting a line down the middle of the entrance to the parking lot to denote entering and exiting. Many drivers take up the whole space, creating traffic issues. Perhaps we could even add arrows pointing in and out on the appropriate sides.
5. The children's garden is installed and working. The butterfly garden along the side of the children's reading porch can be planted with some plantings that we already have and additional shrubs and natives-total less than \$1000. Lil will look into the Felix Neck Garden list to see if we can use some of those plants-sooner rather than later.
6. Unfunded areas: the North Terrace, the Teen patio, containers along the South deck under the windows, plantings along the South side under the Norway maples and the edge of the Barron/Murphy property, screening along the Waldron property line. We are thinking early fall to plant some of these areas, by then we will have reconciled the bills accrued thus far to see where we stand. Thulias are inexpensive and grow quickly and tall. The unplanted triangle near the Howes House is being taken care of by the Friends of the Howes House. The North terrace plants can over winter at PHA, the meadow plants can be placed in the fall. We had a discussion of the Maple tree gift from Granville White and where to put it-perhaps near the Howes House.
7. We will look into the suggestion by David McCullough about more trees along the center garden: the issues are underground infrastructure-conduits and water tanks. Linda will respond to his inquiry.
8. Nelia will send invites to the volunteer party to PHA workers.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday Sept 8, 2014 at the Library at 8:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by Nelia Decker