

Beacon Hill Garden Club Minutes

March 25, 2014

Attending

Christina Olson, Mick Duggan, Dee Dunbar, Betty Jean Williamson, Amy Kaminishi, Monica Mendoza, Tanesha Tekola, Matt Westerman, Amber McMorrison, Lisa Larson, Robert Hinrix, Katrina Perekrestenko

Old News

Thank you note from the Garden Club finance chair, \$34 was raised for the club at Garden House History night.

Treasury Report

Current balance of \$449

New Business

Mural Project

Monica and Tanesha presented a project called "We are more than one zip code." They are looking for spot to create a mural. Tentatively have an agreement to use the warehouse wall at the intersection of 15th & Beacon. The theme is the intersection of identities. Proposing a sun framework with an artist representing a different cultural group creating one ray. The center of the sun will honor the First Nations. A part of this project is to create a documentary to record the process.

15th & Beacon Revitalization Project

Betty Jean (as head of RockIt) is working with the community, Beacon Hill Merchants, North Beacon council and 4Terra to revitalize the intersection of 15th and Beacon. 4Terra partners with the neighborhoods and WSDOT to maintain trees in an urban setting. A local landscape architect will come up with a new plan. Another component is adding art throughout the intersection. Local volunteers are needed to plan and assist. There will be a training in early April for those interested. June 28th there will also be interactive art projects to get public input. Motion to endorse the project and participate was passed.

Arbor Day Tree donation

Mick is going to give a recommendation for a semi-dwarf pear tree that will be donated to the Garden House. Our club will maintain the tree. There is another planting ceremony for the new cedars on 4/21, when our pear tree will be planted depends on delivery time. Motion to put \$50 towards the purchase and shipping of the tree passed.

National Pollinator Week

Christina is currently working on a project with Meaningful Movies to host documentary screenings throughout the summer. They are working on the funding right now. But regardless of funding Christina would like to show "More than Honey" during National Pollinator Week on 6/20. This will be a free event open to the community with donations welcome. There will be honey tastings, information about pollinators including mason bees from BeeGap (a partner with the National Garden Club). An idea for putting a mason bee house by the pear tree had some interest. Motion to allocate \$100 for the movie, supplies, etc. was passed.

Beacon Hill Festival

Motion to allocate \$30 to get a table at the Beacon Hill Festival on 6/7 to get to know our neighbors was passed. Christina will coordinate. Volunteers are needed to man the table.

Garden Club Brochures

Opportunity to add our club's info to the national garden club brochure, Katrina will assist with the file.

Greater Seattle Garden Club

Next year will mark the 100th anniversary of the Greater Seattle Garden Club. They currently only consist of 4 members. They host the gardener of the year ceremony. They are looking to the future of their group and have brought up the idea of merging our two groups, the newest and oldest. Some advantages would be that they already have their 5013C status plus their many years of experience. Some concerns were brought up about how much control the group would have over the focus of projects. Discussion to continue.

Garden Tours

Lisa brought up the idea of garden tours. Perhaps something to take on later with more members?

Field Trip

Christina and Mick are heading to BeesKnees store in Snohomish if anyone is interested in joining them.

Lewis Park Update

4/29, 6:30 at the Jefferson Community Center, a public meeting to talk about project next steps. Looking to add mason bees to the site.

Central Puget Sound Chapter Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 3, 2014, 10 am--4 pm. Mercerdale Park, 7701 SE 32nd, Mercer Island. www.wnps.org.

Cheasty Bike Plan Meeting

Robert had just left this meeting to attend ours, apparently it was very well attended. This was about a proposal to put mountain bike trails through the Cheasty green space area. This could help with maintaining the area by controlling the invasive species and restoring native habitat. Some are concerned with having people so close to their houses and the stability of the slopes.

EI Centro Update

Mick is currently in the process of putting plants back into the gardens. A lot of work to gather all of the plants and put them back in so Mick might be looking for volunteers. Working on getting the veggie garden up and running, will be on a 5 year demo rotation.

Plant Sale at Second Use

Katrina was contacted by Second Use salvage store to see if we were interested in selling plants at their plant sale. It's part of a larger event with workshops and demos around gardening. Unfortunately no one has anything ready to go so decided to pass on this opportunity.