

BCMGVA Botanical Garden Committee

Meeting, November 18, 2015

In attendance were: Linda Swanson, Craig Farland, Ellie Bierman, Michelle Spencer, Maryann Horgan

1. Mission Statement and structure:
 - In January we will have 5-7 voting members and a support team
 - We will choose a chairman and a secretary
 - We will publicize and encourage new members to join and get involved
2. 2016 proposed budget shared = \$9500(irrigation phase 2; mulch; \$1000 to Michelle; new plants)
 - Suggestion of need for a large shed to store MG equipment, materials, etc.)
3. Plants Man Garden ID signs
 - All engraving of permanent signs will stop until a list of actual plants found in the garden are located and identified – “clean up” old list
 - Engraved sign will be made for only trees and shrubs at this time
 - Michelle will hold a session to go over engraving techniques/protocol so quality of signs improve; Cappy Jones may join printing team
4. “What’s Blooming in the Garden” table will be set up in front foyer or entryway
 - Good chance for a small team to earn BG hours if they are unable to physically work
5. We will encourage people to sign up in teams of 4 to work in certain garden areas (Jan.)
 - Sunny perennial bed needs to be adopted
6. Dec. 1 small truckload of mulch being delivered for rose garden & azaleas in front
 - Ellie will be sure to publicize for help to spread mulch
 - Arbor needs to be installed & a picket fence built
 - Maryann will call Drew about rose fountain repair
 - *Cottony Cushion scale* killing many of rose bushes – Steven sprayed horticultural oil on Monday. **This is perfect ex. of why staff needs to walk in the garden every week and inspect**
7. David Barkley has agreed to return to have a pruning workshop
 - Michelle will prioritize specific trees she wants him to start with
8. Michelle presented documents about how to request a new garden to work on
 - BGC will read & offer comments; **there needs to be inclusion of BGC into process**
 - Any new plant added to the garden must submit name to Michelle to go to engravers
9. Take out ATMC Boardwalk sign
10. Water valves are county property – vandalism is real problem so no faucets
11. Walk in garden to see if some of our brainstorming of new ideas could work
 - Japanese garden around water feature
 - Woodland garden to feature shrubs and understory trees from Plants Man’s list
 - Circular drive garden – combination of ideas to focus on “Victory Pollinators” (bats, flies, beetles, moths, butterflies, birds, bees) + fragrance + herbs + medicinal plants

BGC will meet again in January on Wed. before general meeting (1/27). Maryann Horgan

