

AMBERLEY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2009

7:30-9:10 PM; Amberley Village Community Room

PRESENT: Scott Heizman; Jeanette McCarthy; Pam Hessler, Leslie McIntosh; Merrie Stillpass; Elaine Tomasi; Bernie Boraten; Charles Kamine; Ed Hattenbach; Steve Rasfeld

DISCUSSION:

1. Welcome

- Thank you to everyone for helping to make Arbor Day/Green Up Day happen!

2. Recap of Arbor Day & Green-Up Day held on May 3

- Things to consider in planning next year:
 - door prizes—better connect prize to ticket to eliminate winner choice/selection. Committee members should not enter drawing; more giveaways
 - registration table—use runners or cell phones to connect with area “captains”; better identification of “captain” at work area to welcome & direct volunteer
 - map very helpful
 - overall participation felt light; need to bump up; great to have other community groups participate
 - no handouts were taken—people primarily there to work
 - plant swap—let other groups like WHHS parents & other schools groups know
 - e-recycling successful for 1st time; ongoing small e-waste recycling?
 - make use of new website page on recycling of places to go with recycle stuff
 - add another element: “walk-a-mile”, “green cook-off”, bake-off or concert to attract more people.
difference between people coming to work or not; don’t want to exhaust workers before tasks
 - focus on beautification by bringing in a naturalist to talk about birds & other wildlife
 - don’t over schedule projects to conflict with work to accomplish
 - rethink postcard—timing of newsletter; use of ground signs; new banner location at north gateway

3. TCUSA

- AV is scheduled to host the luncheon in 2012. Amberley Room @ the J is reserved
- Submit any ideas for handouts or names of speakers, etc. to Nicole or Anna to be kept in a folder
 - i.e. tours of AV tree/landscape highlights
- Jeanette will contact Montgomery to learn about their committee structure & advance planning for TCUSA lunch in 2010

4. Gateway & Slab Garden update

- Bernie discussed the ODOT Gateway & Streetscape program that could possibly fund these projects. This will require a commitment from Council to go after the funds, as well as work with M+A to modify the plans, work with village engineers CDS & OKI RCOG
- the AVBC will be invited to a meeting with the above parties when this will be discussed

5. Update Tree Inventory

- Scott H. will help coordinate an update of the inventory conducted in 2006 to identify what tree planting should occur in the fall of '09

6. Jimmy F. New Foundation Grant

- The AVBC received a grant in the form of a gift certificate to the JFNew nursery for \$250. This money will be used to purchase bigger (6”?) plants to supplement the rain garden. Jeannette will contact Michael Adams (JFNew) for plant recommendations

7. Liberty Elm Tree:

- The Liberty Elm Tree was planted in front of the tennis courts along Ridge Road. A bronze plaque describing the significance of the tree is to be mounted. Merrie, Scott & Ed (and anyone else interested) are planning to look at boulders to mount the plaque in early June.

8. Next:

- nominations for **AVBC Beautification Awards are due June 19th**
- schedule planting of rain garden plants when they arrive
- work on tree inventory
 - find boulder & mount plaque

NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2009; 7:30 p.m. AV Community Room, Lower Level, Village Hall

- *Anyone interested welcome—no experience necessary*