

AMBERLEY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: June 22, 2009

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

PRESENT: Pam Hessler; Jim Kelly; Ed Hattenbach; Scott Heizman; Leslie McIntosh; Albert Tomasi; Elaine Tomasi; Fran Cohen; Merrie Stillpass; Bernie Boraten; Steve Rasfeld

DISCUSSION:

1. Welcome

2. Old Business:

a) Garden Awards

- i) Judging update: Judges Sharon Floro & Emalee Ridgeway have completed their review of nominees. Pam has 1 property left to photograph. She is very impressed by the entries!
- ii) Award signs & vases: vases have been ordered.
 - Discussion of whether to continue with the same vase & sign format next year. Could change to an award given in spring that can stay in yard like leaf ornament or rock. Would only involve recipient attending 1 award program. Ideas for new "award" are welcome
 - Award certificates need to be prepared for distribution on 8/23. Pam will get information to Nicole to produce
- iii) Pam will drop off CD with photos to Nicole. Photos to be used for:
 - Poster of 2009 entries/winners: Patrick can produce. Anna has template from last year
 - PowerPoint of entries to be shown at Ice Cream Social. Pam will prepare(?)
 - Photos for use on Website
- iv) Other: those who know—do not mention winners until after 8/23!

b) Tree Inventory

- i) Scott & Merrie met to discuss updating the 2006 Tree Inventory along main corridors. Wendi & Tom surveyed main streets in 2006
- ii) Purpose: last survey conducted prior to wind storm & droughts. Account for removed, damaged/dying trees; conduct in conjunction with mapping to determine opportunities for canopy enhancement & attention to potential pathway location
- iii) have sign-up sheet at Ice Cream Social
- iv) Albert is going to sign up for the Tree Commission Academy program this fall. Should we postpone inventory until after? Would that help group's confidence in identification?
 - Does Wendi have a GPS receiver to ID locations?
 - Can trees be tagged with ID numbers?
- v) Amberley Green would be a great idea to have a tree nursery to grow and harvest trees for Village use

c) Tree Program/ReLeaf Update: check website & Ice Cream Social for updated info

- i) Merrie had not heard back from the Urban Forestry dept at City as of the meeting
- ii) Ed has spoken with local nursery. Possible to get discounts on selection of large trees 1.5-2" dia. 6-7' ht. gallon containers for \$100-150.

d) Liberty Elm: Rock was picked up at Evan's & ERI plaque has been mounted on the rock.

e) Rain Garden

- i) Will coordinate larger size container plant order with \$250 nursery credit.
- ii) Pam noticed Indigo Hunting Birds in garden!

f) Slab Garden Update

- i) Bid notices published in the paper today & Wed. Plans available in Admin office.
- ii) Tell any interested parties to check on opportunity
- iii) project commencement will be dependant on bids & council approval of expenditure

g) Ice Cream Social—August 23rd

- i) **See separate task list**
- ii) AVBC Volunteers needed

3. New Business

a) Mile Walk/Run/Bike to tie in with Arbor Day

- i) Leslie proposed an event that would be family oriented to promote community & good health
 - Could be on Section from AV playfield to Knoll Rd.
- ii) fund raising opportunity for gateways & other green/landscape projects
 - can tie in with non-profit Amberley Green Preservation Society

4. Other

- a) Check out new website: <http://www.amberleyvillage.org/> Click *Government and Administration* tab on left to locate Beautification Committee section. Please review & comment on entries!

5. Next Meeting:

- a) **date to be announced before Ice Cream Social 8/23**