

## AMBERLEY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE: September 21, 2009**

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

**PRESENT:** Pam Hessler; Jeanette McCarthy; Cynthia Goodman; Jim Kelly; Ed Hattenbach; Scott Heizman; Leslie McIntosh; Albert Tomasi; Merrie Stillpass; Wendi Van Buren (ODNR); Bernie Boraten; Steve Rasfeld; Tom Karr

### DISCUSSION:

#### 1. Welcome

- a. Merrie read an email for Louise Gomer Bangel that stated *"You deserve a big "Congratulations!" for all that you and your committee are accomplishing in the way of beautifying Amberley and making the village a 'greener' place in multiple ways."*

#### 2. Review of Awards Program

- a. rethink distribution of awards & sign distribution next year; poor attendance
- b. streamline process
- c. i.e. garden rock with plaque or Amberley leaf on garden ornament that stays with property
- d. Jim & Pam will continue to discuss

#### 3. Tree Inventory

- a. Wendi stated that a tree inventory is a functional tool for managing maintenance, planting, diversity, etc. and recommended a quadrant rotation plan.
- b. Type of inventory depends on how it will be used—planting plan?
- c. 50% canopy coverage in residential areas is desirable
- d. software programs are available for inventorying and mapping i.e. 1-Tree Freeware, City Tree Program, ArcView
- e. can ID trees on inventory with tags

#### 4. Update on Slab Garden

- a. the landscape plan was separated into 7 elements each to be rebid individually:
  - Demolition & Site Preparation; buried slab removal
  - Import Topsoil Placement and Rough Grading;
  - Provide and install, buried 1" PVC electrical conduit
  - Prepare planting bed with amended soil; finish grade
  - Provide and plant four trees; mulch ring in each tree
  - Provide and install sod
  - Optional: Provide and install seeding
- b. installing plants in beds can be 2010 Arbor Day project
- c. Question raised about using AV residents for contracting services as part of fundraising
- d. Is this project the priority or is the gateway project or flowering trees?
  - Gateway is much bigger project financially, even if limited to southeast corner
  - Start with small project to show credibility to raise money for larger project.

#### 5. Fund raising

- a. seeking information on how to handle receipt of funds
- b. Jim, Leslie, Pam (and others) will work on ideas discussed included:
  - hold an annual Beautification Campaign; naming rights to sell significant trees; walk/run; tree walk; parties; garden tours
- c. Review ideas in minutes of ideas previously discussed.

#### 6. Rain Garden

- a. 45 plants from JFNew were planted. Thank you Jeanette, Mary Kay and Jean
- b. fall/winter maintenance—try to coordinate winter burn with Parks meadowland

#### 7. Announcements

- a. Green Energy Workshop Thursday, October 15, 2009; 6:30 - 8:30 pm
  - Montgomery City Hall--10101 Montgomery Road
- b. Native Plant Database: [http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=LEPAD](http://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=LEPAD) to check it out. You can type in the Latin or common name.
- c. Next Meetings:
  - October 19
  - November 23