

Beautification Commission (BC)
Special Meeting Minutes
September 16th, 2013
9:00am, Town Hall Room B-3

Present: Suzanne Schutte, Sabina Harris, Heather Pommernelle,
Marcia Meinerth, Sig Buchmayr, John Schlachtenhaufen, Sandy Filmer,
Sandy Drimal, Marianne Wadleigh, Bob Wolkwitz
Absent: Cara Gates, Cindy Ryan

Action items are noted in red.

Financial

- Around \$10,000 remaining for the fiscal year.
- Next meeting - all to bring any ideas to use these funds (outside of what's required for maintenance).

Berm

- October 4th at 9am: plan to plant the remaining plants at the berm - all to join if possible!
- HP to bring planting plan. SD/SH/HP to help get plants there. HP to mark where large holes are required for SB to dig.

Hanging baskets & Noroton Heights planters

- Many comments on how great they look.
- Agreed to take them down end September. SD to organize with Elder.
- Next year, possibly offer baskets for sale to local businesses that want to hand them (like we did this year with Penny Glassmeyer); pricing to be determined. SD to contact Tom from Geary Gallery to discuss baskets he may want.

Adopt-A-Gardens

- SD to contact Phyllis to make sure she has enough funds for Varina's garden going forward.
- HP to organize Paw prints re-planting: switch out roses, salvia, sedum for deer-resistant plants; replacing Alberta Spruce.
- 3 AAG sponsors have not paid; MM's following up.
- SB/JS will plant Mountain Laurels on Paw Prints island.
- Whole Foods needs the boulders removed from the exit 11 AAG in order to have their bond returned. Also, the DOT has been complaining that they shouldn't be there due to safety concerns. Boulders can be moved to the edge of the berm. SS to contact George.
- Elder to continue to care for the beds through end of season.

Miscellaneous

- SS to give MW additional vests for printing.
- Darien Post Office. We have all the permission required to do the work. Discussed just cleaning up the space at the post box and mulching, rather than planting. SB will remove the shrubs and we'll go from there.
- Agreed to help Will Haughey, Tegu toy company, create a new garden near their office, which he will fully fund. Needs to be designed. SS & MW to look at the site.
- SD used the Garden Club donation for a new planted urn at the post office. Looks great!
- SS showed photos of wild flower gardens at Mike Tschebulls house and at Rogers International School in Stamford. Discussed whether to plant areas around town with wildflowers en mass or just spot plantings. SS to organize the next steps.
- SS/SH mentioned that John Geiger will be putting planters at the town train stations (approved by Jayme Stevenson). He will also water the Girl Scout garden at the Darien Train Station.
- SS's started work on the Annual Report; SS will contact members when need details. HP to provide updated AAG map.
- Plan to have Fall Clean Up. SS looking at the school calendar for a good date.

Next Meeting Oct 21st, 9am Town Hall Room B-3