

Outdoor Campus Committee Minutes - Monday, April 1, 2024

Meeting 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Plaza Sunroom

Chaired by Hugh Ferrar

Also Present: Ron Ture, Judy Halesky, David Keifer, Marian Rauch, Patti Justice, Donna Kling, Susan Bolton, Kim Buchholz

1. **Report on replanting Riverview and North Pointe.** The planned replanting of Riverview and south side of North Pointe has been completed. (Thanks to Cliff Hillebrandt, Donna Kling, Ron Ture, Hugh Ferrar.) Both areas need mulching. There are still many spaces around the north and east of North Pointe where plants have died and where large plants are blocking risers.
2. **Court boxing project.** Hugh completed the re-boxing of Jean Vick's planters.
3. **Should OCC be involved in replacing plants that have died or been removed?** Deferred to a future meeting.
4. **Proposed path from the Court parking lot to connect to the Riverpath.** Ron proposed a dedicated path to improve the safety of the grassy slope. He anticipates volunteer labor would be three hours a day for five days with WV supplying chips. There was discussion around residents' safety and insurance costs, but Kim agreed in principle that the OCC should pursue this proposal.
5. **Discuss the installation of permanent bins for bulk garden materials south of the Residents garden.** Kim agreed that at present the area is used haphazardly. He suggested arranging a meeting with himself, Dan Sonneman, Michael Wilson, the new plant manager and representatives of the Garden Committee and the OCC.
6. **Willow Tree Removal.** Dave Ritchie did an excellent job removing the rambling willow tree. Kim pointed out that the north/south white line from the Patio Homes running underneath the east rim of the upper pond was the main sewer for Willamette View. Kim said that due to ongoing planning for the new building and possible repairs to the ponds, no new plants or wood chips would be put in at this time.
7. **Willamette View's policy regarding memorials, e.g., trees, benches, sculptures.** Kim appreciated the OCC raising this topic. He felt the subject came under the responsibility of Craig and Loraine Collacchi. The Blue Heron Foundation has policies in place. Discussion around all types of signage ensued. Do we need a registry? What happens when a memorial plant dies or a bench deteriorates. Should policy be more widely communicated? Loraine may be able to attend the next meeting to further discuss.
8. **Croquet.** Kim said there was no objection to resuming playing croquet anywhere west of the manor. There is no intention to develop a special croquet lawn at this time.

9. Other Business.

The Harmony Garden shed has been dismantled to facilitate the alterations going on around the Health Center. The doors have been salvaged as they have artistic and historic value. Craig has asked Kristy Voss to come up with ways to repurpose and preserve the doors. Susan and Judy Halesky are part of a group helping in this regard.

David Keifer reported that plants in the native plant garden are coming up, and some are blooming, including camas and fringe cup. Some native lily-of-the-valley have survived the freeze.

April 15 is the deadline for requesting funds from the Resident Council for the period July through December. There are sufficient funds available for Judy to purchase bedding plants for the Triangle Garden. Note: Research after the meeting determined that \$904.24 is available, and no new funds will be requested at this time.

Next Meeting.

Due to scheduling clashes for the Plaza Sunroom it is not clear when and where the next OCC meeting will be held. Stay tuned.