

## **Green Team Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2021**

Attendees:

Sue Alexander  
Melanie Crowder  
Linda Draper  
Suzanne Blake  
Valerie Beaudin  
Ken Rasmussen

Meeting came to order at 7:00

Green Team Action Plan is now on town website for review and comment.

### **Bayfront Park**

- **Recommendation:** Vine clipping will be conducted every Monday morning. Volunteers welcome – bring gloves, clippers and black bags. Use black plastic bags to prevent regrowth of clippings.
- Valerie will contact Holly about necessity to get Critical Area permit to dig up root systems of vines and cut down dead trees. Determine feasibility of replacing them with site-appropriate new trees.  
**UPDATE:** This is an ongoing process.

### **17<sup>th</sup> St Retaining Wall Garden**

- Plants have been donated by Windmill Farms
- Planting will happen in mid-September dependent on appropriate weather conditions
- **Recommendation:** Contact town landscaping company to see if they can handle watering as there is no water connection at the site. If capability not including in contract, contact Dept of Public Works.
- **UPDATE:** Event date: Sunday, September 19 @ 10:00 am / Rain Date Saturday, September 18 @ 10:00 am
  - o Bring tools for digging, gloves, sunscreen, bug spray, and drinking water
  - o Combination of donated plants from Windmill Farms and purchases from the town
  - o Windmill Farms will water the rock wall garden bi-weekly and check the status in between waterings

### **Paddle and Pickup**

- Paddle and Pickup has been officially advertised. Registration is on the CCPR website.
- In conjunction with Calvert Parks and Rec on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> for cleanup of Fishing Creek. Find out from NECC what supplies we need versus what they will provide: bags, gloves, grabbers, water, etc.

- Brian may be able to get several small boats running the creek to collect trash from Kayaks as they progress so they can keep moving and not have to return to base with every load. Possibly recruit Larry Ringgold to captain the Retriever.
- Call Nicole Cox at Marina West to arrange launch site.
- **Recommendation:** Green Team provide pizza or doughnuts as incentive.
- **UPDATE:** Meeting to be held with Erica (Northeast Community Center) on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:15 to finalize details
  - o Larry Ringgold will pilot his boat to retrieve items from kayaks and canoes.

### **Signage**

- Sue will coordinate installation of new signs. Determine tools and supplies necessary to remove old signs and add new ones.
- Next year allot budget to remove signage that is no longer applicable and install new signs on other healthy plants/trees.
- Purple Martin House has been purchased – suggested time to install is late February/early March 2022
- **UPDATE:** Larry pre-drilled holes and they are ready to be placed on posts & they are already UV treated. This is scheduled to be completed around Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pollinator Gardens:**

- Melanie has created a plan to restore and will schedule October date for execution (tentatively October 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am).
- Water appears to be leaking from the irrigation system and is pooling around boxes. Jay Berry will analyze site and report back.
- Melanie will be visiting several Nursery/Native Plant Sales. Anyone wishing to join her should email her their availability. If anyone wishes to go on their own, the following is a list of known locations:

**Chesapeake Natives** - open house dates are below. I can only go on October 17.

<http://chesapeakenatives.org/plant-sales-2/>

Sunday, August 29th, 10AM-2PM

Sunday, September 26th, 10AM-2PM

**Sunday, October 17th, 10AM-2PM**

**Bonn Terra- Holly Hill Nursery**

<https://bonaterradc.com/plant-sales/>

Open house dates August 28 and 30

**I am going on 8/30**

**Butterfly Alley**

<https://butterflyalley.net/>

**Hours:**

Friday 10am-4pm

**Saturday and Sunday 12PM-5PM or by appointment**

**I plan to go on September 3**

**Alexandria Native Plant Sale- multiple vendors**

<http://www.northernalexandrianativeplantsale.org/>

## **October 2**

- **UPDATE:** The town has purchased the plants and Melanie is babysitting the plants until the scheduled planting in October

### **Education and Outreach**

- Must pay attention to other areas of town besides Fishing Creek Trail and Bayfront Park.
- Keith Pardieck – Sam Droege the Bee Guy is being recruited to do public talk on pollinator gardens/native plants for HOAs and other town citizens sometime in March. Possibly use the small gym at the Community Center.
- **UPDATE:** Keith Pardieck is making introductions between Valerie and Sam and Keith has said Sam will be available in Feb/March

### **Storm Runoff Mitigation**

- No current discussion

### **Other Ongoing Ideas**

- Work with Kellams Field Committee to contribute more rain gardens.
- Make eradication of Japanese Knotweed a priority
- **UPDATE:** Melanie received an estimate for eradication and this will be a topic at the next meeting.
- Investigate the responsibilities of the staff at BFP in regard to picking up trash
- Install a storage box at pollinator garden for green team supplies and equipment behind spigot – hose, pails, shovels, bags, etc.

Sue Alexander will send out advance notice of meetings to all committee members and maintain email group list.

Next meeting scheduled for September 23, 7:00 pm Kellam Field Pavilion and if it rains the meeting will move to town hall where face masks are currently required.