



Meeting Minutes
Ladd Arboretum Committee
Monday, January 13, 2014
7:00pm
Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.

Members Present: Virginia Beatty, Barbara DeCoster, Tracy Hubbard, Pam Johnson, Jim LaRochelle, Kathie Biddle, Louise Taylor

Members Absent:

Staff Present: John Jaminski, Parks and Landscape Management Supervisor – Public Works, Beth Cullen, Clerk III

Presiding Member: Virginia Beatty

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Virginia Beatty at 7:05pm and a quorum was established.

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Minutes were approved.

3. Staff Reports

- Bridge Street construction was discussed. Mr. D'Agostino contacted Mr. Sat Nagar to address the questions posed by the LAC last meeting. The Committee wondered if a penalty would be incurred. Mr. Nagar responded that IDOT was the contract administrator and the contractor had requested an extension. If the extension is given it is unlikely that penalties would be incurred. The Committee wondered if the new parking lot cut out would remain after the construction was completed. The response from Mr. Nagar was that the entrance would be closed after the project completed.
- The gazebo benches have been improved. Roof estimates are being requested. Planting of small trees and other plants around the gazebo was discussed. The bees should be moved by a beekeeper. Mr. Jaminski will look into moving the hive.

4. Unfinished Business

- Evanston Community Foundation 2014 Responsive Grants program. This is the Root2Fruit program. The deadline is January 27, 2014. A discussion ensued about parent/child programming in the Arboretum. Ms. Beatty proposed applying to support the Ecology Center programs through Arboretum improvements. The guidelines were discussed. Mr. LaRochelle motioned that the focus of the application be plantings around the front of the Ecology Center and the Bird and Butterfly garden, including the Spring Wildflower garden on the side of the Ecology Center. Ms. Johnson seconded. Ms. Beatty will work on this application. Mr. LaRochelle will let the EEA know about this. Getting the word out through the schools was discussed. Ms. Hubbard could be helpful with this.
- Ms. Biddle brought up the Monarch Butterfly Way Station program which could be included in the improvements and educational programming part of the grant: butterfly education.

- The 40th Anniversary is this year. October 11th is the Ladd Arboretum Celebration. This should be a combined effort of LAC, EEA and the Ecology Center staff.
- Trees and plantings in the Washington National Heritage area were introduced.
- Mr. LaRochelle is working on identifying trees by longitude and latitude. He will complete and type up in a specific order: north to South or visa versa. This would be available to Ecology Center staff.
- Ms. Biddle suggests that trees be planted in Twiggs Park where people sit.
- Sycamore tree loss was also discussed.

5. New Business

- The topic of paving vs. granite pathways was revisited after the meeting held here at the Ecology Center. Mr. D'Agostino to find out if cost estimates are available.
- Root2fruit grant information letter to be scanned and included in the information available for the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:21pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ladd Arboretum Committee will be March 17, 2014 at 7PM at the Evanston Ecology Center. Wearing of the Green is suggested!

Minutes respectfully submitted for approval by:
Beth Cullen, Clerk III Evanston Ecology Center