Greenbelts, Trees, and Trails Committee meeting minutes - Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, 6:00pm-7:00pm

In attendance: Leslie, Dennis, Sue, Tamra

We had a short, yet productive meeting. Confirmed next steps for the beautification of our entryways (see attached plan), and came up with our next idea for a pilot project to test out possible mini—trails in some of our greenbelt areas.

Leslie shared that she & Teresa haven't been able to start this yet. Made commitment to have info to report at our Dec. meeting.

Carried over from Oct. mtg.: For our next pilot project, Leslie & Teresa will check out the greenbelt area between Saint Andrews & Marioneth. The plan for this space is to check the trees for any we think may need an arborist to inspect, as well as what it would take to get it cleaned up for fire safety prevention. They will be working on a plan to reach out to the approximate 28-30 homes on either side to gauge their comfort level, concerns, how best to clean it up and maintain privacy, as well as a hoped for excitement for possibly creating a small walking trail for members & their guests only. Leslie & Teresa will be doing walk thru's of the space, and working on a letter for reaching out and engaging the nearest households to that space. It is anticipated to be able to start any clean-up for fire safety, and any needed tree mitigation in early spring.

We still feel this will be a great way to engage our members and add to the attractiveness of our shared community.

If this pilot project goes as hoped, then our goal is to encourage volunteerism & community building with neighbors adopting any trails/greenbelts spaces nearest them, as well as hoping for each entranceway to be adopted or possibly sponsored by members who are small business owners, and or our Magpies group or both.

Tam will check with Martha Reed Foundation and PUD3 regarding utility boxes at entrance ways to see about beautifying them.

- 1. Check with PUD3 & other utilities if needed for permission to "wrap"
- 2. Check with Martha Reed Foundation to learn about process, connection to local artists they used, costs, and "wrap" vendors.

Tam also reported out about the report by our maintenance staff of 6 hazardous trees on one of our greenbelts, steps taken to obtain bids for removal and work that was approved by the Executive Committee due to the potential hazard to a nearby members' home. Included in the bid that was approved was also the trimming of a large cedar tree that should help improve the internet signal for the SCADA between the Pro Shop & Maintenance Shop.

Next meeting is December 9th, and since people may be starting to travel for the Holiday Season, we will set it up as a zoom so we can stay connected and do a quick check-in on tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamra Ingwaldson – Committee Chair

Estimated Project Supplies (using main entranceway set up as baseline):

Curved retaining wall blocks – 16"x6"x12"/diameter x \$4/each

Potting Soil - Block setting dirt

Drought-resistant plants, perennials: 10/4/21 – Leslie agreed to create a list, with pictures, of plants that would be deer & drought resistant, low-maintenance, and provide color variety throughout the seasons.

Volunteers or Contractor to install: I did look up info about a possible contractor (from a mailer that a committee member shared with me) to get a bid from, but I wasn't able to verify complete info or matches in L&I.

10/4/21 – Leslie said it appears a member whose house she passes on one of her walks appears to be a landscaper. She will get their information for possible quote. Depending on level of work needed for various brick installations, will determine if having initial work done by a contractor is best, then work on upkeep & maintenance plan.

One idea for helping offset cost vs asking the Board, is, after having a stronger idea of actual costs, is to get the Boards' ok to solicit sponsors for each or all the entranceways. Sponsor(s) would cover the cost for that year, and have a small yard sign (1/4-1/2 the size of campaign signs we see in the fall) placed at each sponsored site saying something like, "This beautification project sponsored by ABC", they would then have 1st right of refusal to sponsor any upkeep cost the following year & retain their signage space.

We also discussed the possibility of improving the appearance of the electrical/utility boxes at each entranceway. Dennis will reach out to a local member/artist for info on painting/wrapping. Once we have that resource & possible costs confirmed, we will then check with the appropriate utilities for permission to improve the appearance. Then, proceed to the Board for permission to do so.

The first entrance way we will tackle, is the one at Dartmoor. That way there is a nice entryway on both sides of Mason Lake Road at that intersection. Design plot pending confirmation of resources, costs, and labor pool.

See more thoughts for each entrance way noted by their picture.

Saint Andrews Drive Entrance by Fire Station (main entrance) – (Done, acts as example/baseline. Tam counted the bricks at the fire station entrance; 37 columns "across" & 2 high. Other entrances except the last one heading towards Belfair may not need that many, so will use that for budgeting (better to budget high & come in under). When meeting with Roger, he suggested drought-resistant plants.)



Project Sites:



Dartmoor Entrance: Plan to be 1st entrance way completed early 2022 is the hope.



Ballentrae Entrance: Plan is to look at how to pretty up the tower, and electric/utility box along with landscape work. Complete concurrent with Clonkakilty.



Clonkakilty Entrance: Plan is to look at how to pretty up the electric/utility box along with landscape work. Complete concurrent with Ballentrae.



Old Lyme Entrance: Plan is to see if sign can be raised up so more visible above the guardrail. In addition, since not space to do landscaping, working on ways to add nice fake flowers/hangers on sides.



Saint Andrews Drive North (last entrance heading towards Belfair): Plan is to look at how to pretty up the electric/utility box along with landscape work.

Muirkirk Entrance: Plan is for landscape work.

