

Rogers Park Community Council - Garden & Beautification Committee Meeting

Date: February 17, 2021 – Held via Zoom, 7:00 – 7:45PM

Attendees: Zach Zaletel, John Kristopherson, Ron Alleva, Gretchen Cuddy, Stephanie Brown, Karen Denkewalter, Will Hurr

Agenda:

- *Introductions*
- *Review Potential 2021 Projects & Dates*
 1. The committee discussed and reviewed potential project locations to focus on in 2021.
 - Highest priority of those present at the meeting was improvement of the Fireweed Ln & Seward Highway island and along the corridor to the Bannister / Latouche / Fireweed intersection. To-be determined activity was discussed at the College Village – Latouche pedestrian cut-thru – Zaletel to contact Muni regarding potential placement of planters.
 - Brief discussion of the circa-2010 plans used for the Fireweed-Latouche corridor improvements. Estimates and engineering drawings provided by DOWL for reference. Will be shared out with interested members of the committee.
 - Ron Alleva secured up to 35 (mix of round and rectangular) planters for potential use as part of beautification committee. Ron plans to offer up at next RPCC meeting.
 - Jacobsen Park cleanup to be planned in coordination with Muni. Date to be determined.
 - A summary map of the areas discussed is available here <https://mapfling.com/qumwj3t>
 2. The committee discussed potential sources for materials for beautification and means of watering / maintenance of any efforts.
 - Mulch - source suggested by Alleva at the old native hospital site. Alleva indicated likely ability to pick up trailer loads as needed.
 - Mulch - Alternately most tree services will dump mulch if location is available.
 - Flowers – Cuddy recommended greenhouse that prepares flowers for the AK State Fairgrounds. Flowers were available in 2020 with cancellation of fair. Cuddy to investigate if flowers will be available this year.
 - Flowers – question asked if Muni Greenhouse flowers available – some belief that plants are provided to Fairview. Alleva to investigate.
 - Flowers – Potential greenhouse locations discussed as alternative means to economize committee budget. Suggestions include former Sutton’s Greenhouse location, Airport Heights Elementary greenhouse. Cuddy to investigate status of Sutton’s greenhouses with Rescue Mission.
 3. No further discussion of invasive species at this meeting. Planned for March meeting.
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- *Review action items & set future meeting*
 1. Investigate process to add items to CIP – Butera & Zaletel – No action this meeting.

- a. Recommend that we draft a resolution for the community council to pass and the assembly can forward it on via AMATS or other similar process. Alternately can inquire with assemblyperson to inquire with State DOT as to what the cleanup / improvement process is, if any.
2. ~~Identify if local Landscape Architect is willing / able to contribute time to effort – Cuddy – Complete –~~
 - a. Stephanie Brown joined committee.
3. Determine feasibility / cost of signs / markers for improvement projects – Zaletel – No action this meeting.
4. ~~Provide DOWL plans for Fireweed Latouche improvements – Zaletel – Complete~~
 - a. Available [here](#).
5. Contact Muni greenhouse about potential to provide plants – Zaletel – in progress
6. Determine availability of plants from Fairgrounds grower – Cuddy
7. Determine status of former Sutton’s Greenhouses as potential location to start plants - Cuddy
8. Determine muni requirements about placing planters in Muni ROW areas – Zaletel
9. Develop preliminary schedule for 2021 work - Zaletel

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for March 18, 2021 at 7PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78292624209?pwd=OTBPYXFmMDV0QUxNUEczbG9mWndCdz09>

- *Adjourn*