

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting
Minutes of Sept. 2, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at the Pat White residence (311 GTC). Present were: Marc Silberman (note taker), Pat White (presiding and voting member + 1 proxy for Gillette), Bill Olson (voting member, board representative), Suzy Buenger (voting member, arrived slightly later), John Schimmelman, Dylan Duhr (Prima Mgmt), Susan Sweeney (left early).

1. Minutes of the August 5, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.
2. Dylan reported that Joyce Rose's magnolia tree at her home entrance is infected / dying (319 GTC). Dylan will arrange for True Green to check it. The other magnolia trees on the property seem to be doing okay (315-317 GTC, 227 GHR). Also, Mike Roarke completed the trimming of dangerous tree limbs and did a good job! The cracks in the asphalt pavement have been filled by Capitol Lakes now.
3. Pat reported that the watering on OMS is proceeding well, with many LSC volunteers helping out while Bonnie Broderick is out of town.
4. Pat summarized the situation of bids and planning for removal of invasives behind 113 to 117 GTR and 304 to 312 GTC. Marc summarized the meeting with affected residents on Friday, Aug. 28, which included 4 households as well Frank Hassler from Good Oak and former LSC chair, Hayden McCann. The LSC will make a formal recommendation with cost estimates to the HW board for its October meeting that includes 3 phases of remediation, erosion control, and replanting. It is the hope of the LSC that the invasives removal and erosion repair can be accomplished still this fall, if the Board gives a go-ahead.
5. The LSC will be preparing comments for the next Board meeting concerning budget issues to support remediation and grounds maintenance at Highland Woods. This will include a longer term suggestion for buckthorn removal, consideration of alternate forms of grounds-keeping, a budget request to complete the "one-year" emerald ash borer treatments in 2016, and any other observations the LSC has on the current budget items for grounds maintenance. Also, the question was raised about how hoses/watering was organized prior to 2008, when the HW maintenance man (Fred) was responsible for it.
6. Pat summarized the "small projects" that need approval:
 - Glen Thistle Road entrance (minimal cost to clear out buckthorn, replant with donations, and mulch)
 - completion of the Hollow remediation (removal of buckthorn and replanting) = ca. \$1500 (bid by Roarke)
 - buckthorn removal and replanting along OMR from GTR entrance to west property line (stop sign), ca. \$1000 (bid by Good Oaks)

The GTR entrance can now be cleaned out; the other two projects will be presented to the board for funding.

7. At the season's last / next LSC meeting (see below), Pat wants to form a subcommittee on prioritizing the major remediation/replanting projects for the future and to set an agenda for "small" projects (i.e., define what small means!).

8. The next volunteers work day is set for Saturday, Sept. 26 (rain date is Sept. 27), 9-12 noon. The next meeting is scheduled for MONDAY, October 5, 6:30 pm, at the Buenger residence (315 GTC). BYOB if you like to sip!

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.