

Mailbox Park Beautification Committee
October 14, 24 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 11:03am by Patti Szot

Present: Patti Szot, Keith Redman, Jennifer Meyers, Jeanette Baysa

The Agenda is approved as amended. Motion by Jeanette, 2nd by Keith
Amendments: add to new business b) Conch articles
c) Discuss if vacancy left by Katherine's resignation needs to be filled

Minutes from the Sept 30, 2024 meeting are approved. Motion by Patti, 2nd by Keith

Old Business

Upcoming Volunteer Workday planning:

- Committee plans to arrive at 730am to set up canopy, table, snacks, and water cooler
- Parking will be on 4th street, across from the Mailbox Park (for safety of the vehicles while work is being done on the 4th street side)
- Patti will talk to Larry GM for access on Saturday (do we need to have access through chain gate? We will be parking outside so we will have clear access on the site. Maybe some cones to block parking on the roadside closest to the mailbox park.)
- Things to bring:
 - Patti will bring:
 - Some chairs
 - First aid kit,
 - Extra volunteer forms, and waiver forms
 - Gloves
 - Cookies
 - Some tools and a wagon to pull (reminder to mark any tools that you bring so you get them back at the end of the day)
 - Keith will bring:
 - Wheelbarrows (2)
 - Shovel(s), other tools
 - Jennifer will bring:
 - Trash bags
 - Snacks
 - Jeanette will bring:
 - Canopy
 - 5gal Igloo water cooler/cups
 - Table
 - Tools, shovel, loppers, weed eater
 - Maybe speakers so we can have tunes to work to
- Black cinder requested for the areas where plants will go, to be used not only as a planting medium, but also as a visual delineation and 'nice' presentation. Katherine has been working with Hokori Construction and they (Hokori) have committed the use of their dump truck to deliver the cinder. Hokori asked Sanford's Service Center if Sanford's would donate the cinder material. Sanford's has agreed to provide a truckload of cinder for each of the mailbox park sites. The first mailbox park site (4th/Kaloli will have the cinder delivered on October 18th, just in time for our Volunteer Workday on October 19th. Many thanks for Katherine's help in this.

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New Business

Volunteer Workday or Committee to do planting: The Volunteer Workday to clear the 2nd site (6th/Makuu) is scheduled for November 16th, 2024. Once both sites are cleared, planting areas delineated with rock borders and topped with black cinder, plants will be introduced. The committee discussed how to solicit the community for plant donations: 1) use the volunteer form to identify those people who have plants to donate, or want to donate money for plants, 2) submit a list of plant examples (low maintenance, drought tolerant etc), 3) how to address fire ant mitigation, were some of the thoughts brought up in discussion.

Conch articles: There are 2 articles from the MPBC that will be included in the next publication of the Conch. One is regarding the blessing, and the other is about the Volunteer Workday. Since both events will have already happened, the past tense is being used.

Discussion was held about the effect of Katherine's resignation on the committee. It was decided that we can function great with the 4 of us; that if any of us know a suitable candidate that we can bring that person to a meeting and be introduced. Otherwise, we can be a committee of 4. Katherine set up a committee email which is on the volunteer form, as well as on the website. She will send the password to Patti and Jeanette (as a 2nd set of eyes) to check. As for the FaceBook page: it was set up to post information on social media. Patti, Jennifer, and Keith all said they either don't have a FaceBook account or don't feel knowledgeable enough to support the group page. Jeanette volunteered to maintain the group page.

Next Meeting is October 21, 2024 11am via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 12:22pm. Motion by Jennifer, 2nd by Keith

Jeanette Baysa, Secretary