

Grand Lakes Green Committee

Meeting Date: May 5, 2019, 5:15-7:00pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Leigh Anne Goerland, Julie Bush, Jim Herzberg

Committee Members Absent: Teresa Huddleston

Meeting Minutes

Harmony School of Innovation

A group of middle school students and a teacher from the Harmony School of Innovation (Westpark at 99) attended to ask if we would help them with HOA approval of an enclosure needed in their parking lot for a paper recycling program they would like to implement at Harmony. They attended the last HOA Board meeting and the Board requested that they contact us. We agreed to make a recommendation to the Board after we review pictures/information. The group also indicated they would be interested in participating in future service projects in our community. *Action: Leigh Anne will email Erica Donner to ask for the documents the students sent to her.*

Eagle Scout Project

We met with Alex Fruge, a resident and potential Eagle Scout candidate, and his father and discussed requirements, timelines, and potential project ideas. Alex would like to do a project in Grand Lakes. He would like to complete his project by the end of 2019, but has until October 2020 (when he turns 18) to complete it under Boy Scout rules. Project ideas included community garden upgrades such as fruit trees, a compost bin, a trash bin, signage, and "pocket prairies" landscaping. We also discussed planting trees and dog waste stations. We agreed to meet again on May 26th at 5:15pm at Starbucks for Alex to share with us the project idea he has selected and some basic planning around that idea. All project plans will have to be approved by the HOA Board. *Action: Jim to research and draft an article on pocket prairies for the newsletter.*

Composting and Cycling

We discussed curbside composting and yard waste composting with resident Margie Benitez. The idea of offering curbside yard waste composting only a few months a year to save on cost was floated; a month in the fall and one in the spring may encourage lawn care during those months. *Action: Leigh Anne to email Best Trash to ask about pricing for yard waste composting 2 months per year (1 in spring, 1 in fall).* We also discussed a potential cycling path connection from Grand Lakes to the new Willow Fork path. Margie will send us information.

Arbor Day

Denise Dibble discussed her 5th grade girl scout troop earning its Bronze award by planting a tree(s) in the median across from Wells Fargo, a location the Committee has discussed previously. The GSs recommend three Crepe Myrtles. The other option is one live oak tree. They have a donor for the trees. A ring of mulch will go around each tree. The Girl Scouts have a \$100 budget for anything needed beyond what they can get donated. *Action: Denise will ask her master gardener contact whether or not she*

thinks the Girl Scouts can manage planting a 6-7' tree themselves. Leigh Anne will hear back from Denise and then ask IMS about a planting only cost, current sprinkler system placement, and watering of newly planted trees. Leigh Anne will prepare a ppt slide for the next HOA meeting for Board approval; she will circulate to the committee and Denise before sending to the Board.

Community Garden Update

In an email update, Teresa indicated that she purchased some herb seeds and will plant them soon. The pergola is down and the garden is currently taped off with caution tape.

Next Steps:

Next meeting May 26th at 5:15pm at Starbucks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.