

Grand Lakes Green Committee

Meeting Date: May 17, 2017, 9-10:30am

Committee Members in Attendance: Leigh Anne Goerland, Grace Young Baechle, Patrick Friend

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Note: Blue Items = items of note to discuss with Board at next HOA meeting*

### **Old Business:**

#### Litter Pickup notes for next time:

1. Will do again, look at a March 2018 calendar.
2. Ask for more volunteers next time. Also, use a sign-up genius and let troops sign-up for which area they want to clean up. Consider allowing scouts to clean up the wooded corners as long as responsible parents are present for supervision. Also consider opening to families and not just scouts.
3. Bring antibacterial and not hand soap.
4. Consider using biodegradable trash bags for participants.
5. Have less water bottles for participants, and instead have a water bottle refill station container (with paper cups). Ask for more Gatorade and snacks.
6. We spent ~\$325 for "Volunteer Litter Crew Ahead" and safety vests.

#### Recycle Drive notes for next time:

7. *Consider collaborating with Seven Meadows HOA for a spring BOPA recycling drive, and think about a more central location for the two neighborhoods. What are Board thoughts on this? This would allow expansion of what we accept at the drive while cost sharing with Seven Meadows HOA (if they are interested). (Note: prev. BOPA quote was \$4200 (vendor Stericycle); will continue cost research). BOPA would be in conjunction with hard to recycling electronic items.*
8. *Open question: to have 1x/ year, or every 2 years. Currently thinking spring 2018 for next drive.*
9. We spent \$750 for Compucycle electronic recycling + ~\$35 for volunteer drinks/snacks.

### **New Business:**

Grace will write the "Green Corner" article for the August issue. Due date June 20th.

#### Review of Priority Ideas:

The committee reviewed previous priorities/ideas and is proposing to work on the following over the next several months.

1. GL Environment footprint (ongoing effort):

- a. Still waiting on responses to our landscaping, color cycling, and a couple lake management questions.
  - b. Patrick will review what we have and will send another email to Erica/Andrew. Give it 2 weeks, and if no response then give to the Board to talk with applicable contractors.
2. Biking and Pedestrian friendly neighborhood:
  - a. Goal: Promote friendly, healthy & safe walking/bike riding atmosphere
  - b. Note: October 10, 2018 Walk Bike to School week; UN national road safety week May 8-14, 2017.
  - c. Consider painted white crossing strips, adding yellow flashing lights and/or signage at locations within GL that are heavily used by students going to school or are along pedestrian heavy routes. Locations would be identified and agreed upon within community before taken to county. In at least one location in P2, residents put out cones on a regular basis to alert drivers to students.
3. Continuing recycling & litter events - see timing and additional comments above.
4. Litter Signs - add litter signs around the community parks to encourage residents to pick up after themselves. Example sign shown below.
5. Greening other GL events:
  - a. Add recycling bins to GL events (Fall Festival, etc.) so water/Gatorade bottles, etc. can be recycled by residents attending the events. Can use temporary pop up recycle receptacles.
  - b. Organize a way to pick up trash after events, specifically small trash such as popped balloon debris.
6. Community Info Session on Solar Panels - Patrick was approached by Solar City with an offer to host a free info session lunch & learn for our neighborhood. We feel that this could be a good way to promote solar panel awareness. To provide diversity of perspective/avoid any perception of endorsement of any one company we suggest asking that multiple vendors be present. Assumption is that companies would pay for lunches. Location - can we provide room or can they hire room? What are the board thoughts on this concept?
7. Community Garden Revitalization - start by putting out signs at the garden to find out who is using the garden and how. Also work on developing garden use rules.
8. Water pumps in entrance fountains (e.g. Walgreens, Peek@Fry fountains) - Follow up with Lake Pro to determine if pumps recycle water or constantly pump in new water. (Q came up through Wildlife committee conversations with Lake Management Services). If not, discuss changing.
9. Work with Wildlife Committee to publicize Lake Management Christmas Tree recycling within GL
10. Arrange for a committee tour of recycling facilities with Best Trash (or their sub-

contractor) to learn how our recycles are handled and recycling best practices- Patrick to contact Best Trash.

<p>Example Litter Signage:</p> 	<p>Example Pedestrian Signage:</p> 
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**Next Steps:**

Leigh Anne will attend the Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> HOA meeting to bring the above items to the Board for input.

Next meeting June 22,2017, 9:30am at Barn Park/ Splash pad.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.