

Landscape Committee Meeting Report
12 October 2011

Present:

Don Karas
Tom Chapman
Rob Goetz
John Companion
Dennis Garcia
Patty Higgins

1. Old Business - Plants for Upper BMP beautification.
 - a. Patty Higgins will contact Susan Rhodes (Anderson's) to give us a design proposal. We may have to pay (Landscape Budget)
 - b. Don Karas will draft letter to businesses surrounding Upper BMP & ask if they are willing to contribute for benches/pavers etc.
 - c. John Companion will donate Daylilies, Hawthorn & Nandina from his garden
2. Old Business - Tree species to replace Sycamores/London Plains.
 - a. Anderson's recommends Crepe Myrtle, Chinese Elm, Styrex Japonica, Chinese Fringe, or Gingko as possible replacements.
 - b. John Companion will contact Melissa Burdick, curator of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, for a second opinion
 - c. Committee questions whether replacement of trees is necessary? Some places need to have trees culled anyway, so as trees fall maybe we should just remove them. Also, trees that have been fertilized seem to be doing OK.
 - d. Tom Chapman will contact Hendron Tree Care to get cost for bi-annual fertilization of existing trees. Will probably be significantly less than replacing the trees.
3. Old Business - General comments on US Lawns progress
 - a. Committee agrees that they are making progress. Enough??
 - b. Who will decide what "Success" looks like on 20 October?
4. New Business - Richard to ask US Lawns to cut willow trees on Lower BMP behind 352 WW and 285 WW. Also ask them to not mow one foot from shoreline.
5. New Business - Miscellaneous
 - a. Don to Update Conservancy website
 - b. Landscape Blog will continue to be posted by Richard Duncan
6. NEXT MEETING - 16 November at 7PM