

Parkwood Park Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2015

In attendance: Sheri Kennedy, Karna Candler and Steve Elmore

I. Budget

Steve reviewed the current balance of the Park accounts. Additional donations have been received in memory of Mrs. Garner. Karna will mail acknowledgements to donors.

Additional purchase for agarista populifolia and itea virginica are approved for the slopes along E Parkwood near 164 E Parkwood.

II. Communication

Karna will write an article for South Fork about the live stakes once the plants leaf out and we can get some good photos.

III. Projects for 2015

By-pass Project - Mulch has been ordered from Arboguard. We have very few volunteers from the Save the Date email for Saturday, April 18 and will be contacting people individually. Before planting the By-Pass we will plant the shrubs and trees at the new meadow area and spread the mulch pile. Additional workdays will be added until all the plants are installed.

Sheri, Steve and Sharon LeMaster planted 95 plants along the trail in the by-pass area and the W Parkwood trail on Sunday, March 29. Sheri has also installed several plants from Jim's property in Elberton-trillium, mayapples, and bloodroot along the by-pass trail.

PPC will meet at the by-pass on Wednesday, April 8 at 1PM to mark planting areas for the work day.

Plants will be picked up the evening of Friday, April 17. Sheri is working at Trees Atlanta to help set up for the sale and will let Steve know if two trucks are required.

Meadow Project - The grasses should be ready mid-May. Sheri will follow-up with Walter Bland at the end of April to determine a pick-up date. The planting date is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of May 16.

The meadow will be planted in phases with Phase 1 being grasses in the area across from 498 W Parkwood Rd.

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IV Miscellaneous

Garden-Go-Seek - The new booklet has been printed and should be updated to the Decatur website sometime before April 8. Once it is loaded, Sheri will post a comment on Facebook.

Steve will install the 'kiosk' to hold the pamphlets near the Druid Hills Tour entrance across from 498 W Parkwood Rd no later than May 15 but earlier if possible.

Karna will check with Becky about changing the cookie order to 75. Becky will charge \$1 per cookie (discounted rate). Sheri and Karna are both donating \$30. The PPC fund will pay the additional \$15.

Big Log on E Parkwood - Several years ago before the park renovation began, two large trees fell along E Parkwood and across the creek. The biggest tree trunk is blocking the water from a road inlet from getting to the creek. The trunk is so big it will require a large chain saw.

UPDATE: Sheri talked with Emanuel and it will be no more than \$200 for Emanuel and his crew to cut the trunk and then move the cut piece. That includes cutting a smaller tree trunk to allow the path to continue along the E Parkwood side of the park.

Memorial Tag - Sheri showed a photo of a Memorial Tag on a Trees Atlanta tree along the BeltLine. The committee wants to continue with our no-sign policy in the park.

Memorial Tree Planting - Sheri will help Jennifer Hamborsky with the memorial tree planting on Saturday, April 25.

Dead Tree Removal - Large 'broken off' dead tree across from 498 W Parkwood Rd. Sheri proposed having Emanuel cut the trunk shorter so if it fell it would not do as much damage. Karna proposed waiting until at least fall because birds may be nesting in it now. Emanuel looked at the trunk and said it still had several inches of wood and because it didn't have any canopy it lessened the chances of it being blown down.