

PRESENT:

Tony Darin, Chairman

Pam Spoor, Co-Chairman

Jessica Marvin

Kathy Zembrodt

Missy Catchen

Also present: Sarah Froelich

1 Hamilton Road

Hamilton Road was shored up per the agreement with Paul Zeltwanger with compacted soil. This was done in accordance with our Engineer's specifications to prevent further slippage of the road. The compacted soil is of poor quality (largely clay), contains tremendous amounts of jagged rock and in many places is too steep to mow. We seek to create a landscape plan that will minimize maintenance, reduce the need to mow, eliminate the need to mow in the too steep areas, preserve the view, and be aesthetically pleasing. In addition, the plan should coordinate and blend into the Amsterdam Rd/ Park Pointe landscaping.

Options include a butterfly meadow/ wildflower preserve that is cut once annually. Dwarf fruit trees or native ornamentals could be part of this plan for both beauty and erosion control. We will reach out to pro landscapers for ideas.

A stone bench for enjoying the view will also be considered.

Missy Catchen will share an old plan for the Hamilton Hillside with Committee members.

2. Sleepy Hollow/Amsterdam Entry Planter

This planter was hit by a truck (fourth time). Our police have the information on the offender. We need to look at options to make the entry safer, attractive and need minimal maintenance. Amsterdam Rd. will undergo a major resurface including replacement of the sidewalks in the next few years. The entry may be affected by this work.

3. Irrigation System

The system was damaged by a truck that drove through the planting beds. Expert Irrigation is coming to repair it on 5/20.

4. St. Joseph Lane Entry Planting

St. Joseph is the only street without an entry planting. When the sidewalk is finished, we will look at a naturalistic planting that would encompass the two storm drains.

5. Business District Planting

This planting along the sidewalk needs weeding and maintenance.

6. New Volunteers

Pam Spoor thanked the new group of volunteers that have stepped forward to help with the care of the public areas of our city. Their service is so important and appreciated.

7. Sidewalk Plan for Hamilton to Trolley Park

A plan to put a sidewalk on Hamilton to N. Arlington was discussed. This would be a big safety improvement for pedestrians.

8. Audubon Preserve

The city is getting bids to fell dangerous dead trees. This will be followed by removal of invasives by Groundworks per our grant through Duke Energy. City will follow up with Cincinnati Bell to raise their lines in the area. Groundworks will chip the honeysuckle and the chipped material will be applied to make a safe walking path.

9. Community Garden

Discussion was had of Community Garden in raised beds in Lower Trolley Park for use by residents. There is a water source there and parking.

10. Farmer's Market

We would like to pursue a Farmer's Market for Park Hills.