

**Wainwright Cluster Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2014**

Attendees: Mark Waddell, Dick Benjamin, Tom Kamstra, Erick Osman, Eric Kemp, Damien DeAntonio, Erin Russell, Carol Ann Marquez

Meeting convened at 7:30.

A motion was made to approve the March meeting notes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Financial Director's Report

\$ 49,147 in checking, \$ 15,952 in CD and \$1,500 in arrears.

Old Business

Lower Cluster Landscaping- Damien received a RA News e-mail with information about a RA native plant sale. The board agreed this was a good opportunity to purchase plants for the cluster. The board plans to purchase 80 plants, including: ferns, Coral Bells, Green and Gold, Foam Flowers, and Wild Blue Phlox. A motion was made to approve spending \$490 to purchase flowers from the RA plant sale, the motion was seconded and passed. The plants will be planted throughout the cluster including: next to and behind the lower cluster carports, the recently cleared swale behind 1717, in the area around Sid's bench, in the middle cluster across from the church, and in the upper cluster behind 1769 along RA path. Board members will coordinate pickup of the plants on April 19th. Carol Ann kindly volunteered her back yard as a safe place to store the plants until they're ready to be planted. The board will hire T to plant the plants throughout the cluster. It was brought up that someone will need to water and pay attention to the plants, especially after they are first planted. Tom provided maps of the cluster for purposed of plant planning and for cluster cleanup.

Lighting Project- Damien got information from the DRB about three other clusters that have had lighting projects approved in the recent past. The three clusters are: Country Walk Cluster, Bentana Park Cluster and Lakeport Cluster. Erin offered to take pictures of the light fixtures in these clusters and e-mail them to the other board members for review and discussion. It was suggested that if we like any of the fixtures, we could reach out to the cluster for information on where they purchased the fixtures and who they had install them, which could simplify our lighting project.

Playground- Mark proposed an area between the upper and middle cluster as a possible spot for the playground. Although the area is pretty flat, it is very overgrown and would require a lot of clearing. It was suggested that we have Reston Tree come out to look at leaning and fallen trees in this area, and that we get a bid from Cardinal Landscaping for clearing the area. Several issues of concern were brought up, including the need for signs designating the playground as cluster property, and the long term maintenance of the playground and the surrounding area. Some residents are looking at possible play structures to review at the next board meeting.

New Business

Cluster Cleanup and BBQ- Spring Cluster Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 17th. We will also have a Cluster BBQ in the middle cluster at 4:00pm that afternoon. All are welcome to attend. We are looking forward to a good turnout for both events this year.

Cluster Wheelbarrows: The middle cluster wheelbarrow needs to be repaired, it appears the wheel is broken/flat. Eric offered to take the wheel to a garden shop to see if it can be fixed. In addition to fixing the existing wheelbarrow, it was suggested the cluster purchase another wheelbarrow and a pull cart. Erick volunteered to purchase a new wheelbarrow and pull cart for the cluster, in time for the cluster cleanup.

Soil & Conservation- RA Nature Center can provide information on this subject. Open Spaces can also come out and look at trees and give recommendations.

Open Session

A question was asked about what services Cardinal Landscaping is providing right now. Mark advised that Cardinal is supposed to do another round of leaf blowing, aeration, and fertilization.

Mail - No new mail

Closed Session

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Any questions may be sent to President Mark Waddell at markw83@verizon.net

The next Wainwright Cluster Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 13th at the home of Dick Benjamin. The house number is 1765.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Russell

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