

Woodlands Committee Minutes
February 17, 2021
5:00-6:30 PM

1) Opening Round: welcome visitors with introductions In attendance, Bryan Bruns, Lori Dominick, Greg Eck, Ben Fischler, Pat Holobaugh, Maya Imani, Ed James, Will Vormelker, Zoe Woodbridge

2) Administrative Announcements

- Welcome New Board of Directors Liaison Zoe Carter- Woodbridge
- Next meeting –March 17th -- at 5pm
- GHI MAGLEV Task Force is forming
- Cicada Brood X work session Pat is going to pull together ideas for our members. The cicadas won't be here until mid-May, we have time to pull something together.
- Accepted minutes of Dec. and Jan. with a minor change.
- Accept agenda - done

3) Review Action Items from January Meeting -

- Lori - send out map - DONE!
- Ben - report to Board - Ongoing
 - Ben - reach out to Caretakers for summary of their reports - Ongoing
 - Lori, Ben, Pat - reach out to caretakers - Pending
 - Ben - need email addresses for all the Caretakers - Pending
 - Lori - send out a note to GHI E-News to recruit new members, include information about communication tasks that are available - Rollover
 - Stephanie will put up a sign to inform neighbors of plans for Ailanthus eradication - Need to follow up
 - Lori will ask for a post in GHI e-News about plans for Ailanthus eradication - Need to check with Stephanie
 - Bryan: reach to Catherine about February workday - rolled over to March
 - Bryan: mark location for sign for Canyon Creek trail, prepare signage for that sign - added working names for trails to OpenStreetMap
 - Bryan: drop off tarps for Will at 52C Ridge - Done
 - Bryan: submit receipts for trash bags - Pending
 - Greg - reach out to GHI staff about tree removal and replacement policy - Done

- 4) **Report from Board Liaison** - nothing to report
- 5) **Report from Staff Liaison** - there is no Tree Replacement Policy. There is a Tree Removal policy. The arborist decides to Watch, Remove, or Leave alone. GHI makes decisions based on those recommendations.
- 6) **Report from Chair** nothing to report
- 7) **Update on Eradication of Ailanthus altissima in Parcel B** Move to March meeting
- 8) **Discussion of Next Steps for Bamboo Eradication Across GHI**

Maya is setting up a work day for Sunday, March 28th. We will post in GHI E-News and Unofficial GHI facebook page, send out a Woodlands Committee email, ask to have the sign moved to the project, and notify GHI staff about picking up the bamboo.
- 9) **Planning for Winter/Spring Work Days** -
 - Including procedures for keeping track of equipment and tool shed keys
 - We will continue to keep 3 sets of keys (Ben, Bryan, Lori)
 - We will mark tools with brightly colored tape
 - We will look into getting an etcher to mark the tools
 - Inventory once a year
 - For Workdays, take an informal inventory
 - **March 6 (Saturday):** Workday to work on ivy that is climbing trees. Start with Canyon Creek Trail entrance. Please send information by February 27th and we can get it in E-news and Facebook. (Bryan)
 - **March 28 (Sunday):** Bamboo Removal Project at 11 Hillside (Maya)
 - **April 17 (Saturday) Plant Swap** Include Scavenger Hunt and Cicada information (Pat and Lori) Include old seeds that are in the tool shed.
- 10) **Continued Discussion about Tree Replacement Policy**

Invite the arborist to a meeting to talk about the Tree Removal Policy and get ideas for a Tree Replacement Policy. Possibly invite the Greenbelt City Advisory Committee on Trees. Possibly to create lists for trees for people to plant and where to plant them. Possibly create a list of where trees should be planted for the common areas and woodlands areas. Zoe will let the board know that we are researching this.

11) Finding a Volunteer for Committee Secretary or Dividing the Tasks Among Multiple Committee Members?

Please get in touch with Lori if you are interested in helping with any of this. The secretary position includes a lot of organizing and communication that can be divided into parts:

1. Minutes. Take minutes at meetings, send them to the chair or the committee to be approved at the next meeting. Once the minutes are approved, they need to be sent to GHI to be posted on the website. GHI Staff liaison also keeps a hard copy of the minutes.
2. Communication with Woodlands Friends. Once a month, send out an email to over 100 people about the next meeting, future work projects, and reminders about serving on the committee and volunteering to be a Caretaker.
3. Communications with GHI E-news, Unofficial GHI Facebook page, other Facebook pages as needed, and Greenbelt News Review.

12) Check-out/future agenda items/evaluation/closing round

Action items for March:

Ben

- Annual report to Board
- reach out to Caretakers for summary of their reports
- list of email addresses for all the Caretakers
- Follow up with Stephanie about timing of plans for Ailanthus eradication

Lori

- reach out to Maya about the March 28 Workday
- promote March 6 and March 28 workdays
- Send color map to New Members Committee
- send out a note to GHI E-News to recruit new members, include information about communication tasks that are available

Bryan

- mark location for sign for Canyon Creek trail,
- prepare signage for Canyon Creek trailhead sign
- submit receipts for trash bags

Pat

- With Lori - Plant Swap for April 17th
- Cicada plan

Maya

- Planning for March 28 workday

Greg

- contact the GHI arborist about joining a meeting to talk about the Tree Removal Policy and get ideas for a Tree Replacement Policy