



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday May 11th, 2021. Chairperson Maloney called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Lambros, Plunkett, Rubin, Cody, Schaff (7:03), Lucero (7:08)

Absent:

Also Present: Public Works Director Tabb, Forester Collins (7:03)

3. Consider Approval of April 13th, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 13th, 2021 regular meeting minutes with the noted change by Commissioner Plunkett. Second by Commissioner Lambros.

AYES: Maloney, Lambros, Plunkett, Rubin, Cody

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Changes include: Item 5, Review and Discuss Landscape Video Status – “resent” to “re-sent”

New Business

4. Review and Discuss Approval of Landscaping Brochure

Motion to approve the Homeowners guide to planting brochure as presented by Commissioner Lambros. Second by Commissioner Schaff.

AYES: Maloney, Lambros, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff, Cody

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Chairperson Maloney read allowed an email received from a resident mentioning the removal of private property trees to install grass. Chairperson Maloney responded stating that the LAC would be releasing the Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure detailing the unique landscape of Riverside and how to preserve it. Chairperson Maloney recognized that the letter detailed a private property issue and that the Commission does not have any say on private property issues. The Commission discussed ideas of how to advertise the Homeowners Guide to Planting Brochure to possibly address some of the private property landscape issues. Commissioners discussed the possibility of including the guide in a welcome packet distributed among new home buyers to Riverside. Commissioner Cody suggested distributing through print, email, and social media. Commissioner Schaff suggested attaching a tagline to the Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure for purposes of advertising. Chairperson Maloney suggested making a recommendation to the Village Board to give out welcome packets to new residents which would include a copy of the Homeowners Guide to Planting Brochure. Forester Collins noted the downside of doing printed versions of the brochure, when edits are required, and recommended electronic versions.

Review and Discuss Train Station Planting Plan

Director Tabb presented the Train Station Planting Plan to the Commission as designed by the Village's engineer. Director Tabb mentioned that the Village would be partnering with Metra through an IGA to fund the planter bed project at a cost of approximately \$20,000. The planting plan incorporates plants used in the Metra Pedestrian Access Project, which was installed on the east side of the train station, and would complete the train station landscaping. Commissioners made suggestions of possibly leaving the Bayberry bushes if they are in good health and possibly adding additional Hydrangeas and Bluestem. Director Tabb noted minor adjustments will be entertained as long as the budget and overall scope of project are maintained. Director Tabb also stated he would inform the Garden Club of the proposed project.

Old Business

5. Review and Discuss No Mow May Observations

Chairperson Maloney suggested continued documentation on personal experiences with No Mow May. Commissioner Lambros suggested informing homeowners on options to supplement their grass for pollinators. Commissioner Lambros to provide a report on Shorewood's No Mow May event during the June LAC meeting.

Review and Discuss Landscape Video Status

Chairperson Maloney stated she will be sitting down with RTV to go over the Landscape Video in an effort to move things along. A rough draft will then be provided to Commissioners for review.

Insect Bioblitz

Commissioner Schaff stated she has been in contact with the entomologist and is waiting on a response.

6. Chairperson's Report

Landscaping Opportunities in the Village

Chairperson Maloney stated FLOS will be doing seed collections every third Sunday throughout the summer. There will be guest speakers and posters awarded for those who are frequent seed collectors. The effort will culminate in presenting the Library with a large seed shadow box.

Chairperson Maloney made mention that Shawn Sinn has finished the design for the FLOS Olmsted Overlook to be installed on the south end of Swan Pond. The design will be presented to the Commissioners for approval.

Chairperson Maloney made mention that the library has installed the Nature Viewer. Commissioners discussed the possibility of having a special meeting at the library to celebrate the unveiling of the viewer and other LAC initiatives on June 9th 1600-1800 or June 12th 1000-1200 as an alternate.

Chairperson Maloney and Forester Collins discussed giving LAC posters to a group of dedicated landscape workday volunteers.

7. *Standing Discussion Topics*

Master Landscape Plan

Swan Pond Options – No discussion.

Commissioner Plunkett recognized Forester Collins and Commissioner Lambros for their dedication and effort on triangle 54 located at Bartram Rd, Nuttall Rd, and Loudon Rd. Commissioner Lambros discussed reaching out to the Landmark to possibly do a story on the Boy Scouts and the T54 project.

Outreach and Education

eNewsletter Topic and Distribution Alternatives

Commissioner Lambros to do a May submission on the Scout project at T54.

The “Picnic Like Its 1869” event has been posted to the National Olmsted 200 calendar.

Arboretum

Tours

Commissioner Plunkett made mention she would like to take two days to tour Guthrie with the docents and discuss amongst each other individual trees in the arboretum.

Data

Commissioner Rubin to continue assigning pictures to the trees on the Village website.

Chairperson Maloney discussed the proposed FLOS idea of Trees for Tributes and the idea of group donations to benefit the tree installations. The idea of donating a tree

versus a bench will be an idea discussed at a future meeting along with possibly doing a digital recognition in lieu of a physical plaque on a tree.

Forester Collins explained the process of donating a tree and the costs associated with it as an alternative to donating a bench.

Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure

See previous discussion #4

8. Forester's Report

Forester Collins made mention of the upcoming work day to take place on May 15th in the area adjacent to the Scout Cabin. Removal of brush will occur in a lead up to planting sedges in the Fall. Forester Collins also noted the tree work being done in Swan Pond to remove a number of at risk trees and those involved with the upcoming Swan Pond Path project.

Other Business

9. Motion to adjourn:

A motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. was made by Commissioner Lucero. Second by Commissioner Rubin.

AYES: Maloney, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff, Cody

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:

Director Tabb
