

Park and Tree Committee Minutes  
12/12/12

Present: Andy Wood, German Quiriga, Kaz Workizer, Cliff Hirsch, Jeff Evans, Cornelia O'Connor

Excused: Kelly Fleming

Public: Younghui Chou

Update on projects:

German and Andy are continuing to work on a water harvesting system for the sycamore trees by the hilo pad. German has consulted with Ron Barba about French drains. He is also considering berm and basin or other options to capture rain water for the trees. He will consult with two other local experts. Native grasses will be planted later. Because of the location, this can showcase water harvesting and using native grasses for landscaping.

Cornelia's project is landscaping by the bird sculpture in the park. This idea came from a member of the public, and that person and Cliff selected the plants, all natives. Cliff has purchased the plants. Kaz also has some grasses that could be used there. Cornelia will get in touch with Jorge Ruiz, who is coordinating the youth involvement program

at the school. We would like to have local children work on these projects.

The committee discussed a recommendation made by all the experts who evaluated our park. The recommendation is to aerate the soil, and to avoid compaction caused by vehicles driving in the park. We discussed getting a hand held auger, which would be used only by town staff. The auger is for drilling holes in the soil to let in water and oxygen. We would also like to use the town's mulch if we could be sure it would not spread disease. We will further investigate the mulch question.

Other business: 1. Passively harvesting the water that runs off the community center roof by using plantings near the drip-line. 2. Making a map of the park which would include all vegetation and all the other features, like sidewalks, gardens, the gazebo, etc.

Submitted by Cornelia O'Connor