



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2025

Location: Dunn Brothers, Shu Shu's Table (first floor meeting room)

Attendance: Hannah Beisang, Jim Marrs, Kerri Seeman, Kurt Weber, Steve Erler, Amanda Muenzner

1. Update on request for funds from the Arden Hills Foundation to cover seed cost

Approved! AH Foundation is giving us \$100 for reimbursement for seed purchased by Kerri in January 2025. We have already submitted receipts, but we are also expected to submit a 2025 End of Year review with pictures/explanations of how we used items. Any comments on charts/graphs showing success are helpful as well. Show "return in value".

Jim offered up 4-foot bales of wire to use in projects.

Action Item (AI): Someone willing to create google sheet of items available for AHG projects

2. Update on Arden Hills Newsletter Article

Kerri and Steve are leading this effort, with Kerri drafting two paragraphs to start. Will add project/park efforts, buckthorn dates. Be careful not to claim Floral as our project, rather, just provide an update.

AI: Kerri check with Dan/George with Rotary project in Floral Park-doing volunteer groups May through September; Boston Scientific maybe to do something with Cummings Park. Maybe Crepeau?

3. Discussion of hands-on Buckthorn management workshop and possible dates

Determine event dates (May and September) to demonstrate buckthorn removal techniques. May is too early for herbicide to be effective, but we can still discuss/demonstrate methods to participants so they have the knowledge to use at home later in the season.

Ohio University is great for herbicide mixing guidelines-have ag programs

Reference flow diagram sketch on website-"How to remove buckthorn"

AI: Amanda get dates (Propose: May 17th Saturday; September 13th, Saturday) to group-showcasing ALL removal methods, including "cut and squirt"; also high-cut a couple trees two weeks prior to events to demonstrate stripping regrowth

AI: Amanda/Hannah draft flyer

4. Possible coordination with the county to manage weeds in Lindey's roundabout

AHG volunteers to weed roundabout towards end of June-get rid of sweet clover-didn't mow first year, so now weeds went to seed.

AI: Kerri determines event date and coordinate with County to get us signs for volunteer safety

5. Information about upcoming tree sale

Anne Hall is coordinating with Tree Fund to offer low-cost trees to Arden Hills residents. Tree Fund will bridge the gap between what customers will pay per tree (\$45) and the actual cost of trees (\$125-\$150) for this first year. There will be no cost to the city this year, but the city needs to provide an area for the distribution, and also possibly to safely store the trees (approximately 50 trees), preferably fenced.

AI: Kurt-contact County about potentially using boneyard across from North Heights church

AI: Amanda-contact City Hall about potentially using parking lot

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday, March 26 1:30pm-3:30pm: Dunn Brothers (first floor)

Sunday, April 27 3-5pm: Dunn Brothers (upstairs)