

## **HEIGHTS GROWS**

Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022 Location: Haddon Heights Library

Present: Tracey Miller, Maureen Joos, Adrienne Evans, Miriam Mlynarski, Cyndy Mullineaux, Karen Schultz, Jeanne Ottoson, Debbie Gagliotti, Dave McCulloum

Cyndy called the meeting to order at 6:45 and had everyone introduce themselves and welcomed Rosemary Fitzpatrick

### **1. Chair Update**

With the changing of chairs discussion was had regarding possible co-chairs as we plan ahead to transition our current chairperson, Cyndy. As a committee of the Borough certain voting members terms will expire at the end of this year. For example, Cyndy with her contacts, relationship with boro personnel, storage and maintenance notes could all be shared throughout a 6 month period to assist. Also helpful with this would be a transitional document that would hold important information and timelines.

### **2. Maintenance**

-Watering and weeding to be set on a calendar with groups/partners taking on responsibilities will assist in getting the various tasks accomplished throughout the summer season. Email and scheduling to be sent out this week via member email requesting assistance.

-DPW has filled and topped planters and have been very helpful in keeping the planters looking good with the most recent plantings.

-Possible help with weeding and deadheading of areas by Stanfill Towers Seniors. Will follow up with possible areas.

-Gazebo area: Rosemary Fitzpatrick - discussion of shrub trimming, maintenance of gazebo and flower bed areas that could be Heights Grows or DPW responsibility. It was decided that HG would not take on regular maintenance duties that have always been DPW's responsibility.

### **3. Fourth of July Parade Participation**

Discussion by members about participating in the Haddon Heights 4th of July parade this year was vetoed due to lack of member availability. We will discuss it again next year.

### **4. Fund Raising**

Discussion on re-establishing past Haddon Heights Garden Tours as a possible 2023 fundraiser. After discussion and input from Rosemary it was decided to take on this activity as it's a good fit and previous groups do not seem to be interested. Follow up needed with Rosemary & the library.

## **5. Mental Health Awareness Month**

We hope to save and reuse the faux flowers and decor from this year as we continue to work with the HHSD to continue this event. Adrienne will reach out to Dawn regarding the take down efforts to see if there is a plan in place. The boro and HHSD paid twice for the flowers. Lucas Greenhouse has issued a credit that we can use for our next planting. The event was well received and although this was a large undertaking for the groups involved, it was very much a success.

## **6. Planter Updates**

-All planters were sponsored again for this cycle, 27 total sponsorships, including 4 new.

-On social media, each planter will be highlighted and thanked over the course of June/July. We are hoping to add a list of the sponsors in The Heights Report as well. Dave will send the list to get info into the next publication.

-The arborvitae removed in late spring will once again be offered via social media for sale to the public. \$25/each will once again be a fundraiser for the group, possible use of the funds to be discussed at our next meeting.

## **7. Volunteer Outreach and Retention**

Maureen and Tracey will continue to make phone calls and leave messages to keep new members up to date on HG happenings.

## **8. Budget Report**

Treasurer's report was submitted and presented by Dave. See attached.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Adrienne Evans**