

## **HEIGHTS GROWS**

Meeting Minutes April 3, 2023 Location: Haddon Heights Library

Present: Adrienne Evans, Tracey Miller, Miriam Milynarski, Dave McCulloum, Annette Castalione, Karen Harbin, Carol Larro

**Adrienne called the meeting to order at 6:45**

**1. Welcome** - review of expectations, roles, mission, and core values. Tracey brought Heights Grows merchandise and we will be selling to volunteers at a discounted price- hats, totes, and shirts are available. We will also bring to upcoming cleanups and volunteer activities to sell.

### **2. Budget Report - Dave M.**

Review of current budget showing income and expenses via balance sheet. Current total funds available: \$6,242.41 which includes the wreath making fundraiser from the end of 2022 and Camden County Clean Up grants

### **3. Budget Priorities-**

Heard back from Kate Russo regarding the budget, post 4/1 email from Cyndy M. We will add a line item to the Haddon Heights borough budget to assist with planters needed for purchase.

### **4. Earth Day Cleanup- 4/22 Tracey & Annette**

All sign ups have already been posted and have been gathering names. We will partner with the HH Soccer Club and HH Neighbors for the clean up at 10 AM. HG members will come early at 9AM and work specifically on the weeding of the beds near the railroad tracks- train station/fountain/gazebo. The focus will be on Station Avenue (Annette Chairs) and Hoff's Park (Dave Chairs). This will be a rain or shine event without a backup date. This activity meets our grant requirements for Camden County.

### **5. Sponsor a Planter**

Cyndy M. is sending emails to previous sponsors to see about planter sponsorship retention (4/15) and after 4/30 will look for replacement sponsors as needed. Adrienne and Tracey will post on social media outlets if needed and add to the HH Borough website. Adrienne will handle any new signage as needed for planters. Our final deadline for new sponsors is 5/19 to allow for signage and coverage of summer plants in the yearlong rotation.

### **6. May Planting 5/20**

In an effort to avoid Mother's Day and Rhythm & Brews Festival we will plant on the morning of Saturday 5/20. Discussion of tree removal from the planters on Friday night in order to be sure we're planted and out of the way before the streets are closed off (Annette calling the town

about street closings). We are hoping for early morning delivery and planting

### **7. Planter Patrols - Miriam & Maureen**

Station Avenue planters have been divided into various quadrants that we are asking 7-8 volunteers to weed, water and maintain consistently with their schedule. Miriam and Maureen will also bring the poster and sign up to the upcoming clean up and planting days for added exposure and sign up ability. Dave mentioned various water hook ups and where volunteers can access water as needed to help maintain our plantings through summer and beyond.

### **8. Garden Tour Update June 24th- Annette & Karin**

Heights Grows will be partnering with the Chis and the Haddon Heights town library to present 6 house gardens. The committee met and reported the following: Traffic construction should not be an issue for any of the houses. Tickets will be sold online via TicketLoop and at the library. All funds will be divided between HG and the HH Library. Cyndy is assisting homeowners with greenhouse purchases. Annette to look for quotes for price comparison for town contracts and vistaprint for the following items: aprons, yard signs, flyers, tickets, postcards. Annette will also reach out to get prices for the downtown Station Avenue signage from the town. Greeters will check tickets and man the property entrance, tour guides and homeowners will give information about the gardens on the tour. South Stems will repurpose wedding flowers to create Bloom Stations for selfies in the downtown area. Finally, the 3 voting members in attendance voted to approve spending \$1000 for the printing needs, but asked to see quotes for actual costs. Ticket cost will be \$15.

### **9. WHP/Station Construction**

The group briefly discussed the proposed new construction at the corner of the WHP and Station Avenue and its impact on our planters. Two members were at the town hall discussion and reported back that the plans are still under review. We will continue to monitor progress and impact.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Adrienne Evans**