

## HEIGHTS GROWS

Meeting Minutes May 6, 2024 Location: Haddon Heights Library

Present: Cyndy, Barbara, Dave, Colleen, Beth, Tracey, Adrienne, Karen, Maureen, Sue, Mary Jo, Maureen, Brad, Miriam, Debbie, Ann, Jeff, Carol, Pat, Marley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45

**1. Welcome** - review of introductions, expectations, roles, mission, and core values.

**2. Budget Review-** Dave presented a review of the current budget showing income and expenses via balance sheet. Current total funds available: \$7, 057.60. Which includes the monies dogeared for the upcoming plantings. Monies are needed for upkeep, supplies, and a watering system. We are expecting monies from the Camden County Clean Communities grant for our clean ups this year and Annette and Dave will follow up.

### ***Budget Use of funds discussion points:***

- a. Water storage: J. Hales from the HHFD has offered storage space at the garages located in the Fire House, per Dave.
- b. Purchase 3 canvas carts, each holds 4 watering cans that will allow for watering crews to easily water for each quadrant estimate of \$500
- c. Weeding needs: planting of the tree wells was discussed, adding possible ground cover or perennials. Looking at an estimate of \$300 for supplies
- d. Bus station beautification: add trash cans, hanging baskets, sedums, Haddon Heights signage on BHP/KHW/WHP locations. Also add 2 planters. We need to speak with the town council and determine who cares for the stations currently and if there is any conflict or plan when considering the current downtown roads updates.
- e. Purchase 3-4 new large sidewalk planters \$750 each to add to new construction areas
- f. Possibility of Heights Grows annual scholarship for graduating 3HS Seniors who has volunteered
- g. Discussion of local botanical muralist who worked at Philadelphia Flower Show to create mural for a downtown area

**3. Garden Tour** - Everything is on track, signage and ads all ready. Community outreach articles published in both Heights Report and Heights Living. Several businesses will be offering a 10% discount with a ticket to the Garden Tour. There will be a sign up Genius sent out to people to attend and man the table at the Farmer's Market. Tickets sold at the library and the farmers market.

**4.Sponsor a Planter** - Deb and Dave are following up with any sponsors that have asked for a renewal but have not yet paid. Most are renewing. We will use the Sustainable Heights PO Box as a mailing address for check collection.

**5. Town Cleanup-** Over 30 volunteers with 19 students were present for the town wide Earth Day clean up. It was a great success. Four Seasons landscaping supplied mulch post clean up to freshen up the planting areas and gardens.

**6. Planting Update-** We will plant the next cycle on May18th and will post on socials including sign ups, this will include removal and donation of arborvitae on Friday May 17th. Plantings will occur in the morning on Saturday, May 18th.

**DATES:**

Tentative Planter dates - May 18, Sep 21, Nov 16 (all 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)

Future meeting dates Sep 9, Nov 4 (all first Monday except Sep) Dave will secure meeting space at the library for the year.

**Next meeting July 1st @ 6:30 at the Haddon Heights Library**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Adrienne Evans**

**Heights Grows Inventory of Supplies & Locations**

HG Member Name	Items Stored
Tracey	Wreath making supplies
Adrienne	Rags and microfiber cloths
Maureen	5 gal. water tank
	Christmas lights
Annette & Tracey	Merchandise: tshirts, hats, canvas bags
Annette & Tracey	Window washing supplies
Cyndy	40 gallon water tank
	Garden Tour aprons
	Screwdriver for planters
	2 boxes of gloves (vinyl)
	1 box 13 gal trash bags
	1 24pk new microfiber cloths
	2 squeegees
	6 half gallon bottles of vinegar
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