

White City Garden Club (WCGC)

Board Meeting Wednesday, August 12th

In attendance: Roberta Ekberg, Susanne Martin, Maureen Wentz, Danica Leibel, Arlene Janzen, Joy Dobson and Chuck Brumwell.

Call to order at 7:10 pm

Items to discuss:

1. Purchase of a bench to be located at the Emerald Park Flowerbed.

Motion - That the WCGC contribute \$565.00 (proceeds from the pancake breakfast) to the RM of Edenwold towards the purchase of a bench to be placed at the Emerald Park flower bed. Moved by Joy Dobson, Seconded by Susanne Martin
CARRIED

Arlene Janzen will arrange for a 6" X 4" stainless steel plaque with laser engraving costing approx. \$20.00. The plaque will have White City Garden Club 2015 or if possible an outline of the WCGC logo.

2. The White City sign flower bed conversion to a shrub bed. There is \$350.00 remaining in the WC beautification budget that can be spent on the bed this year.

Discussion regarding options for spending the remaining funds. Engaging a professional landscape designer - Heather Lowe (\$80.00/hr) and Eden Landscaping has offered to do a complementary design.

MOTION: That WCGC engage Heather Lowe to provide a design complete with a plant guide and plant placement diagram for the White City sign bed based on an estimated 3 hrs of work. The remaining funds in the beautification fund will be used toward the purchase of shrubs. Moved by Joy Dobson, Seconded by Maureen Wentz
CARRIED

The WC sign flower bed design should include:

- clearly defined border
- visible from the road
- minimal maintenance/weeding/watering
- deer resistant
- mix of colour and texture
- winter interest
- Hardy species
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3. Fundraising - 2016 Perennial Sale and 2016 Garden Tour.

2016 Perennial Sale -

- hold the last weekend of May
- gathering donated perennials (either fall or spring) from WCGC members
- require 500 plants in 1 gal pots for a successful sale

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- require good participation from membership not just in purchasing but providing plants and potting them.
- Susanne has a large collection of used plant pots. Foster's planting mix is: top soil, peat moss, sheep manure, and perlite.
- volunteers required to provide plants from their gardens - when they divide plants either this fall or next spring, help pot plants, and work at the plant sale.
- If plant blooms early - divide in the fall, if bloom late - divide in the spring, bloom mid summer - divide either spring or fall. If plant is touchy overwintering, divide and replant in the spring. Fall divided plants would be repotted and overwintered set into the ground.
- Send out an email to membership advising them of the Clubs request for plants. When dropping them off include include the name and colour of each plant.
- Roberta to ask for show of interest at next educational meeting. Based on responses from the email & at meeting, Board will decide whether to hold a 2016 perennial sale.

4. Recognizing sponsorships on the website.

Discussion on what to do regarding some of the Garden Tour Sponsors. At this time no action required. Will include topic in future web site discussion.

5. Advertising the next educational meeting Sept 9th on Growing Begonias. Check with Issy and Shirley regarding WC/EP Newsletter, Chuck to contact WC Office regarding Post Office sign, and Susanne has printed posters for distribution.
6. Adjournment at 8:40 pm.