

PPQA Minutes
March 22, 2023
5:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Denny, Ellen, Laura, Margaret, Kathy, Judy

I. Ongoing Business

A. Agenda – Approved

B. Approval of Minutes – Approved

C. Accounting/Banking

PayPal	\$4,746.03
Homestreet Bank Acct.	\$11,105.74
Homestreet CD	\$50,000.00
Total Balance	<u>\$65,851.77</u>

II. Organizational Business

A. Seattle Conservation Corps

May 1, 2023 is when the water season begins. Conservation Corps will do a physical walk of the gardens in April to assess water requirements and give us a bid.

B. Website Update

Erik, Kathy and Margaret will meet to create an initial website update to share with the Board by end of March 2023.

The goal is to update the website in a way that is easier to manage than the current website.

C. Spring Fundraising Letter

Letter will go out in April. Board members asked to see prior fundraising letters to see if one of them could be updated and used as the Spring letter.

D. Washington Gives Terms of Service 2023

Judy expressed her concerns about the Terms of Service. The Board voted to fundraise in-house without registering and fundraising through Washington Gives.

E. Board Recruitment

Look at opportunities through volunteer garden activities.

Mayors Day of Service. May 20

F. PPQA will register for day of service May 20th. QA Adopt a Street will also register for the same day.

III. In The Gardens

A. Galer Triangle NW Corner of QA AVE & Galer

Kathy discussed her design for this challenging corner garden. Planting for this area will take place on Saturday May 13th.

Kathy proposed a landscape improvement at the NW corner of Galer and QA

AVE. The suggestion is to add medium size river rock (large enough to stay in place) in the bed and add a large shallow bowl-shaped planter filled with grasses and/or low maintenance plants. The intent is to enhance visual interest at the corner garden. Additional information will be gathered regarding this idea.

B. Plant Suggestions for All Beds

Kathy proposed and reviewed suggested plants and updates to enhance the gardens. Suggestions included increasing current plantings and adding new plants and flowers. Discussed budget for spring general garden additions, Denny (Treasurer) suggested and there was no opposition authorizing up to \$1,000.00. Planting and composting will be done on the same day May 20, 2023, 9am – noon.

C. Work Party Date

May 20th Mayors Day of Service

The goal will be to compost and plant on the same day.

D. Another Errant Driver Damages the Large Galer Garden

Suggestion was made to add several large rocks along the garden edge near street curb to alert drivers and deter illegal parking over the curb.

E. Marianna's Conversation with the Galer Crest Manager.

The new property manager at Galer Crest inquired about upkeep of the gardens on Galer. Marianna suggested the manager contact PPQA. Marianna inquired about using the apartment building's yard waste bins. Margaret will follow up with Galer Crest Property Management regarding how they can help support the gardens.

G. Asphalt on the sidewalk at QA AVE and McGraw

SDOT has been notified of the unsatisfactory asphalt patch, it will be repaired to match the rest of the area at a later date.

IV. Along The Ave

A. Conversations with businesses

Kathy and Judy will propose a plan to talk with businesses

B. Unveiling pavers for Don Miles and Jim Smith

PPQA (Margaret) will notify the families of the recognition and location of paver installations

C. Sweeping Sidewalks

Mayors Day of Service May 20th, 9:00

D. Safeway/21 Boston/Project On schedule

E. QA AVE and McGraw Project Delayed for permits

F. Asphalt on the Crosswalk at QA AVE and McGraw

Margaret contacted SDOT, the asphalt will be removed at a later date and the crosswalk will be brought back to its original condition.

V. Next Meeting Date

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday April 11, 5:00 pm at Margaret's home.

Adjourn
Minutes Prepared by Laura Corvi – PPQA Secretary