

Greenscape Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
Hornet Park Community Center

Members Present: Dave Miller, Beth Berg, Tim Latimer, Brenda Wilson. Absent: Jacki Brown.

Guest: Joe Jarzen, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIB) Community Engagement

Joe Jarzen presented an overview of the Benedict Inn's Meditation Garden project, which is being funded by an IPL Project Greenspace Grant through KIB. This public garden will be installed at the corner of Southern and 12th Avenues and will include plantings of trees, perennials and other plants, a walking trail, benches, trellises and canopy shade structures. The garden will feature native plants and trees and recycled materials. Recycled Dome material will be used for the shade structures; recycled crates and lattice panels will be used for trellises and a quote structure. 70 - 100 trees will be planted at the site and surrounding property.

A Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th, 5:30pm. Education and community involvement are an important part of any KIBI project and there will be opportunities for members of the community to volunteer their assistance later in the year. KIB is also working with some major corporations to have employees participate in a Day of Service for the project.

The Sisters and KIB are working on details for a press release which they will share so the commission can help promote the community meeting for the garden project.

Jarzen and Commission members discussed other assistance and resources KIB offers the community, local organizations and individuals. These resources are available to all of Marion County, including Beech Grove. Adopt-A-Block, for example, is a program any resident can participate in and they provide tools and resources to help with beautifying neighborhoods. They will also be offering Graffiti Abatement Kits as part of the effort to remove graffiti and combat vandalism. Anyone can get more information or sign up for these programs online at KIBI.org.

Dave Miller asked about workshops for the community. KIB will come out and do a series or stand alone workshop. This is something the commission will consider sponsoring.

Tim Latimer announced the Beech Grove Promoters Club Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 19th. Beth Berg will share the date with Tom Hannan. The project for Clean Up Day in the Parks this year will probably be picking up fallen branches and other debris from the winter, which will be a great help with preparing for mowing and warm weather visitors.

Berg also shared that Beech Grove Schools is going to be renovating the old ball diamond between South Grove Intermediate School and Don Challis Park for use by the Beech Grove Middle School Baseball Team.

Latimer suggested changing the time of future meetings to 5:00pm, which was agreeable to all.

Next meeting: Monday, March 17, 5:00pm at the Hornet Park Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Berg, Secretary Beech Grove Greenscape Commission