

Present at the SEED mtg on 12/10/18 at 4:30pm at the Clubhouse in PL.

Irene Turner

Susan Edwards

Brandy Hall

Jennifer Bridges

Stephanie Weeks

Aaron Pincus and Zephyr

Some of the meetings highlights

- Jennifer gave us a recap of her walk with Susan Myers (Monarch Watch) and shared the ideas generated about milkweed and pollinator planting potentials, also talk of a pollinator/monarch fest to possibly tie together-we could talk more with MAP about that at the next mtg-invite member of MAP. Also a kudzu fest was mentioned as an awesome idea as well....removing kudzu-making food from it, making wreaths, baskets, etc- all the while educating about kudzu removal-getting people involved and explaining how it helps the native animals when native plants thrive here instead of invasive plants that not only take over beautiful wild areas but don't provide the natural food sources and habitats as our native plants do.

-Jennifer also had a lot of monarch resources to share, pamphlets etc with info that we can get at the county extension office too. We also talked about how to promote the yard designation projects with the "nextperts"-probably will be easier to hype in spring too- but sending it out via the city emails (Kris Casariego) to spread the word even further. Also on the PL announce and of course FB too, and bulletin boards.

Irene updated us on many environmental education grants she has found, two coming up especially that might apply to help with potential kudzu removal to improve wildlife habitats, planting pollinator plants and other natives once kudzu has been removed in areas because otherwise it's really pointless to try to plant in those areas.

Also, Jennifer is down for heading up another plant sale in May! Yay!

Brandy gave us an update on potential pilot city info that PL can apply for with the ARC-more was discussed at the city council mtg that night I believe. Also Solar panel ideas were shared, as well as the ideas about removing concrete/asphalt to uncover earth for potential planting areas.

-Stephanie Weeks came to the SEED mtg which was really great and gave us an update on the public space work group committee that has been meeting this year on various ways of handling the public space use, beach use, etc. And some really awesome ideas were shared as to figure out PL's designation, even self declared designation of a recreation area or nature preserve? The term Sanctuary came up as well and many seemed to like that term more so because it's all encompassing and communicates a wholeness, and togetherness of people and nature, people as nature, not preserving for something removed from humans, but a holistic view of an area as a sanctuary, it implies respectful use in the name itself. More to be discussed with the community and public space group and council etc but she shared where they were with their ideas and SEED seemed to really like their start.

If anyone would like to fill in any holes or gaps that I'm sure I left in this mtg recap-please do. :) Or if anyone took any more detailed notes. It was a fantastic meeting, full of energy and ideas and I'm looking forward to meeting again in January! I'll send out some date options.

As for the topics on here that require discussing before our next mtg date we can send some emails back and forth or set up some smaller meeting to get those balls rolling- like the grant we might apply for, Irene, etc.

Kindly,
Susan E