

APPROVED MINUTES
Hickory Ridge Village Watershed Advisory Committee
Committee Meeting – June 5 2017 - Hawthorn Center – 7pm

Attendees: Deborah Wessner, Etrae Weinstein, Iris Mars, Anna Farb

I. Agenda approved as presented

II. Minutes approval from Feb and April postponed

III. Old Business

- **Stenciling Project** – Ellen's update was provided by Deborah since Ellen could not attend:

I am waiting to here from Rachel Beebe for our final approval for storm drains. I added the drains at both ends of Audubon (at Martin and @Owen Brown). We should be able to start with the audubon/launcelot ones as soon as we can get stencils. I am looking at the week of June 19th.

I have put together some educational info along with what Deborah had to make a door hanger type handout. I think bulleted points with images will work best. Sadly, no one will read text heavy handout. I could revamp the brochure as well but need Hickory Ridge specific info.

Iris, if you are still willing, I would love your help with those things. (Iris agreed and will try to reach Ellen this coming week.)

- **Native Plant Sale** – Anna indicated that the giveaway went well. Deborah indicated we had collected \$43 from donations. Anna suggested that at future such events we have two tables to contain the vegetation and the literature. We should also consider an event where the giveaway is more closely aligned with other events ... perhaps a walking tour or show off of the new Native Plant Garden.
- **Pull & Plant** – Inasmuch as Lisa will not be able to remain on the committee for the coming year and the Pull and Plant time we originally scheduled has passed it was decided that we may want to consider this for the autumn., assuming we have someone who can lead the effort. We will discuss further in July.
- **Native Garden** – It was pointed out that the native plant garden was installed by CA at the side of the main walkway into the Hawthorne Center. It looks good and provided it

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continues to be watered should be pointed out to residents in a future article in the LOG.

IV. New Business

- **Elect a chair for 2017-18** - Deborah was again elected chair for the coming year.
- **New Membership** – Deborah will ask Anne to post another request for new members in a forthcoming Hickory Log. Deborah will also see if HCC or Atholton can be contacted to find a student member for the WAC.
- **Ideas for coming year**
 - **Local rain garden tours** – This may a good idea for the fall or perhaps next spring when the flowers are blooming. Deborah believes there is an area in her neighborhood where a number of gardens would be available for a quick walking tour.
 - **Investigate and write up a "state of the HR's common areas"** - It was agreed this was a good project for the forthcoming year. It will require us to individually or collectively take walks in the village and take photos of any things we feel are either very good examples of storm water mitigation, or areas that need attention (preferably Open Space areas, rather than focusing on individual resident properties.) The thoughts discussed included placing some of the photos in the HRV website to encourage others with good practices.
 - **Pet waste stations** – After discussion about the WAC's prior efforts regarding pet waste stations with CA Open Space Management, it was decided that we will see if any areas come up that have issues with pet waste and if so use those photos to again encourage CA to place some waste stations or signs in those areas.