

Environment Committee
Dufief Homes Association
May 16, 2024, 4:00-5:30 pm

Minutes

Present:

Committee Members: Vin Kortraiah, Roger Rasnake, Moira Davenport

Homeowner: Abbas Bader

Pollinator Gardens, Dufief Dr. and Rte 28

The two beds either side of the road at the Rte 28 entrance, alongside the stone walls, were planted during the week of April 22 with the help of Green Team volunteers and PPR Landscaping. Environmental Committee members will share watering duties. Help with keeping the beds free of weeds will be sought from Green Team volunteers. Moira will send an email to existing Green Team volunteers to ask for their assistance.

Signage will be installed to describe the ecological purpose of the plantings. Roger will take the lead in finding a prototype we can follow.

Stormwater pond and surroundings

The Committee would like to initiate 'Weed Warrior' events to clear out invasive plants from around the Dufief pond. Committee members will meet at the pond on May 25 at 9:30 a.m. to decide on an appropriate area to focus activity.

Committee members will be seeking out opportunities to learn more about storm water pond management, such as meeting with Solitude, the company contracted to manage the pond.

Dog Waste Stations

The HOA would like to install 2 dog waste stations at the pond and has asked the Environmental Committee to take the lead. Moira will send around a couple of examples currently on Amazon. We will talk to PPR Landscaping about cost to install.

Green Team Projects

1. Weed warrior events - see above
2. Nature walks - the first nature walk will be held during the Dufief Picnic on June 1 for children.
3. Habitat visits for Homeowners - we have scheduled 3 visits to date.
4. Circles beautification - we will start with a few pilot projects if there is interest from homeowners facing circles and if the HOA will provide a small budget for each.

5. Mosquito trap giveaway - we will give away 10 traps at the picnic consisting of bucket, mosquito dunk and hay. Instructions and Moira's Readwood article will be included.

New Business:

The Committee will investigate possibility of obtaining grant funding to address water runoff in common areas. The Committee agreed to scout out possible sites on the May 25 pond visit.

Abbas Bader, who joined for a portion of the meeting, is interested in being a member of the Green Team. He would also like a site visit to get advice on planting a wet area of his backyard and a slope. A visit was set up for Saturday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.