

GGC Meeting Notes – Alternatives to Synthetics Sub-committee Thursday, March 11

Accepting HWS's offer of an intern. The application has to be in tomorrow. We agreed to not accept an intern since supervising that person is more than we wish to be responsible for this year. Next year might be better. Offer the intern to the city?

Work that's been done thus far:

- Sean, Daisy, Anne and Jim met at the lakefront Tuesday, March 2, and did a walk-through in the park. Jim sent a plant list; Daisy added hers, and we consolidated them. The primary goal is to have plants that are drought resistant, require little maintenance, look good even when dead, and are native species (nearly all plantings in the park are).
- Since then, Daisy and Anne have gone through the park and identified succinct "beds" or places that could be adopted by community groups. In addition, Daisy gave a rough estimate of the types and amounts of plants needed in each bed.
- Question: can we ask groups that "adopt" a bed to pay for the plants? Many beds have sizeable gaps, places where plants were trampled or lost due to drought. Would DPW be okay with that?
- Question: could we ask the families that donated benches to contribute to the beds around those benches? Would DPW be okay with that?
- Question: can we ask the Ramada to pay for replacing some shrubs and plants?
- Question: how much does the city have in its budget for replacement plants. For example, could the city replace the more expensive items on our list such as shrubs?

Other things to discuss with DPW:

- Water outlet at the lakefront. When, where, and what kind?
- Jim priced out a pump at \$189. Would DPW pay for that?
- What about hoses and hose couplings?
- What about mulch – how much does the city have?
- What are the city's plans for all the seaweed that's accumulated on the shore in front of the visitor's center? Can we get a crew of HWS students to move it, and do you guys think it would be suitable for mulch?
- Structural issues at the lakefront: the concrete steps behind the gazebo are being undercut and the bank is collapsing. What plans does DPW have to address that.