

## **Minutes – Projects Committee Meeting November 9, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. Present were: Elise Burroughs, Carolyn Burgess, Breyette Covington, JoAnn Dalley, Mary Loose Diveny, Peter Dingman, Lily Engle, Kay Flanagan, Steve Gaines, Helen Gregory, Allen Hammer, Robin Hanes, Victor Hauser, Walter Hussy, Allen Ingling, Gregg Korbon, Steve Kostiw, Kathy Nepote, Bill Sublette, Ellen Tully, Jean Umiker-Sebeok, Barbara White, Camille Wilson and Toine Wyckoff. The minutes of the October meeting was approved as presented.

### **UPDATES:**

North East Park: The original date of Oct 13 was rained out. The new listed date was Nov. 12. However, Kay stated that she cannot be there that day and so is canceling the 12<sup>th</sup> and instead wants to have the project date set for Saturday, December 3. Kay will contact those who signed up for the 12<sup>th</sup> and Kathy will make the changes in the CATS Calendar.

Jackson Via – Oct 15: Elise reported that we had a great day planting trees, bushes and ferns. She will be leaving to go West and has talked with a fellow master gardener to keep an eye on the site. She hopes we will continue to maintain the site. She has talked with Chris Gensic about extending the path which will require getting rid of a number of Ailanthus and Mimosa trees among others. We honored Elise for the great work that she has done at Jackson Via to make it a great native plant site. We agreed that we will miss her if she does not become a West Coast Snow Bird and we will keep her on our email listing.

Tree Planting at Mint Springs Valley Park: The original date of Oct. 29 was canceled by park personnel. The new date is Nov 12. Check the CATS Calendar.

Jackson Burley – JoAnn said we had a great day cutting invasive vines impacting trees along the stream. And the trees and bushes planted previous by Rivanna Conservation Alliance look so much better after our pruning, weeding and tree tube maintenance.

10<sup>th</sup> & Page: Toine reported that she and their small planting team planted 4 trees on Monday. They have 2 Sourwoods that need to be planted soon. We asked about what was going on with ReLeaf. Steve said he heard that they will be planting 40 trees at the end of the month.

Buddhist Garden: Robin reported that she, Phil, Becky and Bruce transplanted a memorial tree from Riverview Park to the Buddhist Garden. The tree was planted in memory of a Kenyan who used to distribute trees by bicycle around the country.

Tree Steward Class: Kathy thanked all the members of the Projects Committee (Allen, Barbara, Elise, Robin, Toine, and Carolyn) who helped with the labs for the new Tree Steward Training Class. Without them the course would not have been as successful.

## **NEW PROJECTS**

CATS Grove Nov 17: Robin wants to prune, mulch and weed the trees and bushes in the Grove and remove some of the adjacent Tulip Trees. JoAnn also mentioned that the trail along the stream could use some invasive control measures.

Pruning: Kathy reported that Tim Maywalt wants to start up our Pruning Rotations. The plan is to alternate projects on Saturdays and Thursdays. The first date will be December 1. But no site has been designated. Keep an eye on the CATS Calendar.

Waynesboro: Breyette has been noting potential project sites in the Waynesboro area. A popular path has many mature trees where wire cages are starting to be overgrown by the tree bark. She also mentioned that there are a number of trails that need invasive removal help. We suggested that she needed to contact the Parks staff to make sure they would be okay with our help and which specific sites and chores they would like to have done. Then a project proposal will need to be presented to the committee. Several members expressed interest with such projects.

VDOF/CATS Arboretum: Barbara wants to have another date for mulching the trees around VDOF. Check the CATS Calendar for the date and time.

## **CATS Officers**

JoAnn reported that the following CATS members have agreed to be nominated for the following Board positions. Voting will take place at the December Member Meeting:

Gregg Korbon:	President Elect
Mary Spear:	Communications
Barbara Manfort	Education

The meeting ended at 9:48 pm.

**NEXT PROJECTS MEETING**  
**December 14, AT 9 AM**