

Biogaian minutes 9/28/221 on zoom

Attended by:

Helen, mary, Ka, West, Laura, Brian, Reuben, Jacob, Anita, Patricia, Eileen, Elizabeth after 8.

NCRS grant recap: \$24K over 5 years; \$4200. for 2022 to support conservation stewardship.

This supports what we already do and also 2 enhancement projects:

cultural plantings in a hedgerow/mini forest

Patricia is the lead on this project. plantings need to be completed by August 2022. Plan is to prep the ground this fall by clearing blackberries, cover with coffee bags and then wood chips. Plant in spring 2022.

>need to source and acquire native plant materials

>reach out to local tribes for guidance, maybe labor (?)

expenses will be drawn from the \$4k grant and not be part of biogaian budget

cover cropping orchards within 5 years

this will be researched and not begun until the above is well underway in 2022.

Biogaian Budget YTD 2021

Helen shared screen with current info from GTT and Songaia bookkeepers. we have quite a bit of unspent allocations

> Helen will create a google doc and post on website for all to follow YTD/budget

> task group to work on 2022 budget: Helen, Brian, Patricia, Anita, mary

> task group will meet and send out proposal before the last week in October. if needed we will convene another biogaian meeting to focus on budget only.

Garden Depot:

piglets like the temp 'shed' location for housing garden small and hand tools and other supplies. it is ugly and not weather proof and want to upgrade to more functionality and beauty.

original GD idea was to include the weigh station for garden produce. where should that be located?

our beautiful plaza sink seems too nice for washing garden harvest. need a different location and solution

Plaza group is rethinking the need for storage of tables and chairs in favor of using all weather that can just stay out on the plaza

we need a design charrette* with piglets, plaza committee, maybe others to see what emerges from different visions and needs. perhaps we need two different structures.

>no one was tasked with calling this meeting tho the idea was late October with construction in 2022

Bastyr student project:

Matt emailed in that 30 October his students will be here for their site assessment in the SW orchard for their project of design, propagate and plant a holistic landscape design next spring.

Microshelter #2:

funding proposal passed for phase #1

Paul and Reuben are working with Matt to make winter ready

plan is in 2022 to propose phase #2 for \$500 from abundance fund and \$500 from donations.

why not put that \$500 in biogaian budget??

NCRS High Tunnel:

GTT application is submitted

>Anita to create a proposal to GN for consensus to construct high tunnel

>intention is for Gene's gif to make a cash flow loan for construction

Garden Bunny Fencing:

> work parties to complete screwing the fence to the concrete board. much discussion about back fill along fence

>planning a halloween rabbit roundup with costumes required

>will Paul be able to rebuild the garden gates this winter??

Arborist work:

Brian will contact Kelly at Arborwell

Leaves are beginning to fall, RAKE ON:

our devoted compost team (Lucas, Reuben, MistyDawn) have used all our leaves and need more. LOTS more. please rake leaves into an enormous pile just west of the brown dumpster/ kitchen crap bins.

Apples, Pears & Asian Pears: EAT Songaia fruit!!!!

pears are all harvested and in cold storage in the journeys refrain and take home pantry

Asian Pears are in the process of being harvested, ready for eating

we may not have a big apple/pear cider pressing this season

apple sauce from drops is being made and frozen for take home

netted apples are still ripening on the trees, likely ready in October for take home eating and (put in storage if we eat enough pear to make room ...)

Evaluation:

good facilitation

lots got done

laura agenda prep

^ more potos

next meeting 10/26 w mary facilitate & Reuben scribe

if the budget group sends out info and there is a call for more discussion, we will call a meeting sooner, likely 10/19

we closed with a slide show from Anita showcasing the bounty of harvest and the micro shelter work

*A Design Charrette is a type of participatory planning process that assembles an interdisciplinary team - typically consisting of planners, citizens, city officials, architects, landscape architects, transportation engineers, parks and recreation officials, and other stakeholders - to create a design and implementation plan for a specific area.