

SEED Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17th
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Pine Lake Clubhouse

1. Slack for communication–Melody
 - a. Melody taught the team to use Slack, and SEED will now be using Slack for communication between members. We would eventually like to use it with the general public for organizing volunteer events or getting information out.
2. Community ideas
 - a. To start, people can come to weed the Beach House garden between 4-7 pm this Friday. The project can continue the following weekend if needed.
 - b. Melody would like to enlist volunteers to help set up and promote guest speakers.
 - c. The group agreed to continue looking at the list to find projects to begin.
3. SEED mission statement
 - a. SEED would like to rewrite the mission statement to better reflect its current iteration.
 - b. Programming is defined as lecture series or city speakers. Examples of events would be Pollination Celebration or GSEPS. Economic development involves joining Council in discussion with economic leaders in the county, and providing information to economic leaders.
 - c. SEED would like to remove the word “policy” from the mission statement because, as written, it gives the impression that SEED can make policy. SEED currently advises the council as to policy, but is not able to make any policy. They would like to change policy to “city consultation.” City can include council, manager, public works, etc.
 - d. Tim would like to break the mission statement into shorter sentences or bullet points.
 - e. Wendy asked about “arts-first city” and what that might have to do with the environment. Melanie suggested changing it to “art's natural habitat.”
 - f. Jennifer will send an updated version to the webmaster
4. Litter survey update
 - a. Tim commented that he has not been able to find an app to make the litter collection survey easier that will work with all types of phones. Many apps are convenient but don't do everything the survey needs, like ownership of the data and compatibility with the current design. We have gotten 17 entries since the survey started.
 - b. Wendy commented that the “multiple steps” aspect of the survey is turning people off. Tim commented the most important thing is a photo for data, and the appeal of the Google Form is that it is easy to insert photos. Wendy suggested using paper to record litter collected and send a photo of the data to the SEED email. SEED could then complete the counts. If new directions are compiled, Wendy suggested SEED could go door-to-door, or put realtor-style plastic paper holders at various locations around the city.

- c. Wendy suggested SEED could create a Facebook page. Melody has volunteered to do so.
 - d. Tim and Wendy will work to reword the directions. What if directions were posted to the new trash cans?
5. Lecture series update
- a. Melody has found a snake person who will give a lecture. She is a naturalist for the Chatt Nature Center and owns a company that teaches seniors environmental activities. She will discuss snakes and their importance to the ecosystem. She will debunk snake myths and encourage neighbors to make good choices regarding snakes.
 - b. Suggested: Saturday, November 18th, 2-3 PM. Jennifer will contact the city tomorrow for beach house availability.
 - c. Suggestions for other speakers include spiders/bugs, coyotes and foxes, deer
6. Community garden concerns from neighbors
- a. Neighbors whose houses border the community garden have complaints that the garden is over-run. At this point, an excavator may be needed to clear the land for use, as trees have grown.
 - b. The neighbor who rents the house adjacent to the community garden is not friendly to people visiting the garden, so the city might want to fence off the area
 - c. It is recommended that anyone who paid for a plot this year is reimbursed, as the area was not maintained to be usable.
 - d. Jennifer will give these ideas to Cha'Quais