

Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee

Reports/Updates from the Tues. Oct. 15, 2013 meeting canceled due to lack of quorum

1. Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve Report – No report
2. Volunteer report - Bryn Sriver
 - a. We've had three regularly scheduled drop-in volunteer events since the last Preserve Committee meeting—Sat. Sept. 21, Sun. Sept. 29 and Sat. Oct. 12. Two of the events focused on buckthorn and honeysuckle removal on the south side of the main Picnic Point trail towards fire site #2. The third event was held at Muir Woods where volunteers planted native species around the new kiosk, collected trash, and seeded an area that was cleared for vehicle and pedestrian safety. Groups that participated in these events include APO, the Finance and Investment Society, and Horticulture 120.
 - b. On Sun. Oct. 6, national and international participants of the Society for Ecological Restoration 5th World Conference *Make a Difference Day* continued buckthorn and honeysuckle removal along the south side of the main Picnic Point trail near fire site #2 and planted native species. The volunteers were also introduced to ecological restoration in the context of protected cultural resources with a tour/discussion led by UW Historic and Cultural Resources Manager, Daniel Einstein.
 - c. On Mon. Oct. 14, volunteers from Circle K continued planting on Picnic Point near fire site #2.
 - d. The Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve stepped in when Preserve staff were unavailable to provide information on the Preserve to members of the Eagle Heights Community at their Wisconsin Festival on Oct. 5 and to lead Air Force ROTC volunteers in a trash clean up in Muir Woods as part of Homecoming festivities on Oct. 6.
3. Land management report - Adam Gundlach
 - a. Staff cut vegetation on the Picnic Point Indian mounds to maintain the view of mound features.
 - b. Staff treated porcelainberry vines in south-central Big Woods and buckthorn resprouts on Picnic Point and in Bill's Woods.
 - c. Preserve staff removed brush from a triangle along Charter Street pedestrian path extension.
 - d. Preserve staff collected seed in Biocore prairie and other sites across the Preserve. The seed will be sown in restoration areas throughout the Preserve.
 - e. Staff oversaw the following contract work: invasive brush removal along the northern trail segment on Picnic Point that connects the beach house to the narrows; brush chipping along the southern field edge of Frautschi Point (volunteer Glenda Denniston spent much time restacking these piles and

spreading wood chips on trails); and herbicide application to the 0.5-acre portion of the Biocore permit area known as the peninsula (northeast of Eagle Heights Gardens) in preparation for a fall seeding. Arrangements are being made to have a contractor chip the brush piles along the main Picnic Point path. The chips will be used on nearby trails.

- f. Preparations are being made for potential prescribed burn units in Biocore prairie, Willow Creek Woods, and the base of Picnic Point. Burn plans were submitted to Quercus Land Stewardship Services for review. Burn unit maps have been updated with assistance from Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture interns.
4. Project Updates
- a. West Campus Stormwater project – Phase 2 has begun. Dewatering is occurring and the new culvert under the bike path is installed, we are waiting on the asphalt repair at that location. Excavation of the Lot 60 Pond is beginning this week. Lot 60 is still expected to be complete this fall with plantings in the spring of 2014. Triangle Pond will not be constructed until 2014 and the University Bay Drive Ditches may begin this fall, weather depending, and will be completed next summer.
 - b. Eagle Heights Woods planning – Rhonda is working with Preserve staff on the Mound Zone site plan.
 - c. Recreational Sports Master Plan update – The Division of Recreational Sports is developing a master plan for all of their facilities including the Nat, the SERF, Nielsen Tennis Stadium and their outdoor play fields. Upgrades to the play fields include adding artificial turf, lighting, sound systems and score boards as well as fencing. A presentation of the plans will be made to the Preserve Committee at the November 21st meeting. Funding for the overall development will be from private gifts and potentially student segregated fees.
 - d. UW Hospital Parking Ramp Addition – This project will add a net increase of approximately 345 parking stalls on the west campus due to the loss of parking on the Nursing School building site and the loss of the north end of Lot 60 for stormwater management facilities. The project will be going through zoning approvals later this year and will start construction in July 2014 with completion scheduled for November 2015. Bioswales north of the existing parking ramp will help mitigate any additional stormwater runoff prior to being directed to the Nielsen Pond. The project will also include extensive new landscaping and signage for the main entry to the hospital.
5. Subcommittee Reports
- a. Information Dissemination/Education – No report
 - b. Communications/Archives– No report
 - c. Planning & Implementation (Cathie) – The Planning and Implementation subcommittee will meet October 28 to discuss the first draft of the Proposed 2014 work plan.
 - d. Development– No report

6. FY14 Budget & Work Plan status

Preserve Staff are currently developing a draft budget and work plan for FY2014. These draft documents will be sent to the Preserve Committee on or before November 14, a week prior to our November 21 committee meeting where they will be presented in detail for review. On January 28, the second public stakeholder meeting will be held to review the draft documents and take public comment. The final draft will then be sent to the committee a week prior to the February 2014 committee meeting at which the budget and work plan will be adopted.

REMINDER: The next Preserve Committee meeting is scheduled for Thurs. November 21 from 1-2:30PM in Room 1420 WARF (610 Walnut St.).