February 1, 2017

SJC Master Gardeners: First Meeting for Butterfly Memory Garden

Call to Order

* History (with Connie)
* Original Plans (Connie’s are on the website)
* Revised Plans (Judi B)
* Name of the Garden (Do we want to re-name or dedicate to Connie?)

Budget: $2,000

What are the primary tasks that need to be completed with our budget money?

IMMEDIATE GOALS (WITHIN CURRENT YEAR)

* Maintenance
  + Mulch
  + Replacement and/or new plants
* Build bed along courthouse side of building (Need to get some ideas with cost estimates and agree upon a plan.)
  + Water drainage continues to be a major concern in this area.
  + Many underground water pipes are located here.

\*\*\*Need to determine actual total costs for all these items\*\*\*

* Work Schedule
  + How do we keep the garden looking nice all year?
  + Schedule team work days for major project work?
  + Schedule individuals with their own schedule to work specific number of hours every week? (i.e. Have 2 members work one hour each week on their own schedules – pulling weeds, trimming, etc.)

Everything we do now needs to be completed with our bigger goals in mind…

**If Master Gardeners vote to approve some of the “building fund” money in our budget to the garden, we could complete many projects this year. We need to be prepared to present our vision at the next meeting.**

LONG TERM GOALS – DISCUSSION (WITHIN ONE TO THREE YEARS)

* What do we want our garden to look like?
* How do we want visitors to feel in the garden?
* How do we want to use the garden?
* Should we add lights?
* Are we going to do something “special” with our memorial bricks?
* Do we want a propagation area?
* Do we want to catch and use our rain water?
* Do we want a nice sign to display our name on the garden?
* What about the pergola over the concrete patio that was discussed three years ago?
* Do we need to consider removing some of the plants/trees that are taking over or may be too large?

As we move forward, the garden will be a group project. We will meet and discuss ideas and plans. We will vote on ideas presented and the majority will determine what we are going to do. When we go to the garden to work, we will know what is expected and/or needed.