

# MD19 Memorial Garden Advisory Meeting Minutes & Report to the Council

The meeting was informal with discussion of a variety of topics pertaining to the Memorial Garden with decisions made by agreement of the committee members without motions or votes.

## 1. Information for the MD19 website.

An information page will be crafted for inclusion on the MD19 Website. It will provide some basic information about the Memorial Garden including:

a. Cost of memorials which includes purchase, planting soils, care and watering and an engraved metal plaque on the Memorial Wall:

For \$100.00 (USD) a bush or shrub; for example: Rose, Mahonia, Viburnum

For \$50.00 (USD) a flowering perennial or grasses for example: hardy geraniums, helianthemus (sun roses), lavender, Russian sage, blue fescue and other small grasses.

Specific plants will be decided based on needs of the garden and desires of the donor.

At present the garden can not accommodate additional trees.

b. Dates for Memorial Garden (work) Parties in 2016. Lions and friends will gather in work clothes with tools and energy to spruce up the garden, weed, trim, plant, etc. from 0900-1200 on the following Saturdays. Please join us! April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August, 13.

c. Memorials for 2015-2016 will be dedicated on Saturday August 20, 2016 at 1:00-2:30pm.

d. Lions Clubs are invited to "adopt a garden". Set up their own work schedule to care for one of the specific garden areas i.e. rose garden, flag garden, light garden, rhododendron row. Signs will be made to identify and credit Clubs that take charge of part of our Memorial Garden. This could be a great environmental project for a Lions Club.

e. "Friends of the Garden" Donations are always welcome from individuals or Lions Clubs. The Garden can't exist without contributions. Encourage your Club to budget annual support (\$1.00 per member would be spectacular!)

2. Job list for independent work schedule: This will need some development. Besides weeding, specific needs should be identified in the Spring after the scheduled work days begin.

3. Plans for Eagle Scout project: Scout Bryce Nichols is planning his Eagle Scout project with improvements to the Memorial garden. Specifically: to repair gravel pathways, add edging stone, level fill dirt, repair benches and help remove branches from tree removal.

4. Cutting spruce trees: Spruce trees near the building and one at the Northeast corner of the garden are to be removed. Patty will contact Kenny Ruse to coordinate and schedule.

5. Identity tags for plants: Patty and Brenda will investigate engraved metal tags to attach to plants, identifying the plants and Lions remembered.

6. An updated Architectural Plan for the garden is still a goal for the future. Identifying a source for a pro bono job is needed.

7. Committee Chair to e-mail reminders to all Clubs to budget support for the garden and send the checks to MD19 by April if possible so money for supplies, etc. will be available during the Spring and Summer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30