

We are largely recovered from what was a very tough weather year in 2021. June of 2021 saw record heat, November record rain and floods, and the year closed with a full week below freezing. Most of the ornamentals in the garden survived (and alas all of the weeds). It was presentable for the rededication in August 2022.

The immediate next steps in the rest of 2022 are:

- 1) continue weed suppression especially thistles;
- 2) expand rose garden and work toward an ADA compliant path along west side of house, then the north side of native bed which will have a sensory emphasis;
- 3) dig holes where plants that died need to be replaced; and
- 4) transplant/divide plants that have thrived such as the iris and peonies.

We can work year round except the rare times when the ground freezes and will explore new ways to involve volunteers. We have mostly tried Saturdays but other days may be better.

For the long term we want to include a walk throughout the garden that ultimately would be accessible to everyone. The garden has a rose section which will expand, and border and bedding areas also need to expand. Gradually the lawn areas will shrink and we need better edging treatments along the parking areas. We have a base map to start more detailed planning but will need help from Lions. Every gift is appreciated.

We are at the earliest planning stages. We want to touch base with all stakeholders. Who can tell us more about the site's history? Who has expertise in sustainable technologies – rain barrels, solar pergolas, wind columns and the like? What plants have particular meaning to Lions? Who could help us get information on memorials on a website?

Please email us with your ideas and insight.

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