

Meeting Notes for Biogaians 25 October 2022

Fun stories on thrifting or recycling

Biogaians Special Projects Summary
Hoop House

Micro-shelter

Total Expense \$3,320.45

Donations

Abundance Funds

Community Development Fund

From existing budget lines for inter housing

Spent from landscaping line (\$over budget)

NRCS grant + meadow donations (Plant material, materials, Anita's,

Meadow project expenses: +3805.41

NRCS grant: \$4218.00

Donations: \$2000.00

Remaining in grant: \$2412.59

Spreadsheet Biogaian Budget Request 2023

(Get copy from Helen) Format now obsolete

Best guess since our format doesn't match with bookkeepers

What we need to go over detail.

New format has Songaia Funds and Garden to Table in two columns with significantly streamlined categories. See attached sheet.

Discussion of each line ensued.

Specific discussion on funding specialized, professional rose care (Katie)

Priorities of (stake holders) community as different areas come up in both dollars and labor UW line has been rolled forward during Covid years, now it is moving forward. The UW supervision lines, leverage hours of labor from the students. This work is valuable for networking, training, program building.

Crestsong irrigation system needs redesign. Design, materials, water, all needed for stepping up. This is a new line item, may get community pushback. Sell that these are less than 5% of \$95,000 paid to have this strip of land available. Developer planned fence along driveway asphalt with no greenery.

Orchard floor work is under NRCS special project. Songaia would be the first recipient of this work, like the meadow cultural planting. Cleaning up invasive species and planting cover crop, ideally indigenous understory plants. Soil was entirely disturbed with blackberries, thistles, bindweed, bracken fern, and buttercup taking over. Understory plants were being out competed by invasives. Can you find the lavender under the blackberries? Yes, lavender and trees are looking great now. The work projects and hours of effort along the driveway have made huge improvements. Still have buttercup and knotweed to keep removing and improvements are visible.

How do we talk to the community at large about paying for some of the labor to sustain what we have. Specifically, the Food Forest or Crestsong. Will address this at the Round Table.

Budget for 2023 was passed as presented.

Next Meeting Tuesday November 29th

Facilitator: Eileen

Scribe: Anita

December Meeting: Tuesday December 27

Facilitator: Ka

Scribe: ??

Gratitude to Helen for all the budget work. Her presentation went smoothly and relatively understandable.

