

Green Space Report August 2022

Definition of a Committee: A group of people who meet on an ongoing basis for purpose of meeting a common objective. Generally, they work toward a common goal and/or mission for a greater good. Their work is often under the direction of a governing body.

Definition of Task Force: A group of people brought to accomplish a specific objective with the expectation that the group will disband when the objective has been completed.

History of the Green Space Task Force and Purpose:

- January 2022 Pastor Karri sent the information that was accumulated from the Green Space “Hopes and Dreams” survey last Summer to Coke for summary. This was determined to be the work of the Special Projects Committee by the Council.
- February 2022 Council Minutes noted that the Special Projects Committee was to “bring a representative from several Trinity Committees to provide input to the Special Projects Committee, discuss options and propose a plan. Additional opportunities to receive suggestions from the congregation were discussed.”
- In March 2022 a Task Force was formed with members from different committees and asking for representation from the Congregation. The Council minutes also stated, “the Council wants to see an application for funds from Endowment to fund initial projects for the Green Space.”
- In April 2022 the Task Force reported the Council that the survey results had been looked at and it was determined that there were 5 main categories: a) ramp and stairs, b) flowers, c) permanent structures (worship area, gazebo, bandshell), d) signage, area along Olinda) and e) moveable parts (park benches, gaga ball, etc.). We need to set priorities moving forward and set up informational sessions for questions and answers as well as get feedback on priorities.
- In May there were 2 Information sessions offered. A diagram of the Green Space was drawn and available for review. Good feedback was given with providing access to the Green Space being stated as a priority. The application to Endowment was denied as it did not give a specific plan. The Green Space Task Force was asked to present a 3-5 year plan for implementation. The Task Force is also asked to define the purpose of this space and how does it fit into the mission of Trinity. (Exec. Minutes)
- A Master Plan is developed in June 2022 and presented to the Task Force and Council Members. It is accepted without comment in a collective motion with committee reports at the June Council meeting.
- Discussion about designated money for the Green Space has been part of the Task Force meetings throughout. There have been bids received on steps, a ramp, benches (internet), a gazebo (internet) and general conversation. The July 11, 2022 Executive Committee minutes state “the Executive Committee feels the Green Space Task Force is responsible for coming up with a plan, but not for implementing that plan. The (Exec) Committee wants Church Council to revisit and clarify the Green Space charge, including

a timeline for their work.” Keeping this and the history of the Task Force in mind, we state the overall purpose of the Green Space and make the following recommendations:

Purpose: to provide a place for Trinity members to experience the love of our Lord by experiencing nature in an outdoor setting. This includes time for worship, play, contemplation, socializing and/or dining.

1. Safety and easy access to the Green Space should be the **First Priority** of any usage plan for the Green Space. A minimum of two (2) accesses should be constructed, one of which should be a paved ramp access using the existing driveway off from Newell Avenue. The other access should be steps leading from the parking lot level down to the Green Space. The exact location of the step access would be determined and approved by the Church Council, or their designee that they assign to coordinate and oversee the project. Consultation with the Special Project and Property Committees should be part of the process. **Timeline: tentative is 2022-2023**
2. **The Second Priority** should involve the beautification of the Green Space area. This would involve the planting of flowers and various shrubbery, along with trimming and maintenance of existing hedges and vegetation barriers that border the property. Signage along the corner of Newell and Olinda could be explored at this time. A plan would be developed along with the CCC Committee, approval pending by the Church Council. **Timeline: tentative is 2023-2024**
3. The **next priority** should be the installation of benches in strategic locations that would allow for users to view flower gardens and worship leaders under the shelter (which would be constructed in the future). The exact number and location of the benches would be determined by the Church Council or their designee after consultation with the Special Projects and/or Property Committees. **Timeline: tentative 2024-2025**
4. Upon Council approval, the **next priority** would be the expansion of the patio adjacent to the existing garage. This would allow for a shelter to be built on it sometime in the future. **Timeline: tentative is 2025-2026**
5. Upon Council approval, the **next priority** would be to construct a shelter on the expanded patio that would provide shelter for the worship leaders and band members, as well as others who would like to use the area for other purposes. Such purposes would include picnics, visiting, weddings, band concerts, etc. **Timeline: tentative is 2026-2027**

Communication

For this project to move forward communication needs to exist between all parties involved. Expectations need to be stated, related to all parties involved, clearly discussed and agreed upon. Keeping Trinity’s mission statement foremost in our minds, we are in common mission to “connect, grow and serve in the love of Jesus Christ.” We are working in a collaborative effort toward a common goal.

Funding

We believe financial resources will come through a variety of resources. The Congregation would be informed of the overall plan and timeline along with a suggested list of ways to donate. At this time, we see the following as possible resources for funding:

- 1). Renovation: there are funds built into the Bequest money that include the Green Space. This has been discussed with Gail Seaver. The Task Force also recommends that since money will have to be borrowed to finance the renovation, that an additional \$25,000 be added into account for improvements to the Green Space. Monies will continue to be sought elsewhere to not use this money. The Green Space Task Force seeks to work collaboratively with the Renovation committee.
- 2). Endowment: bids will be sought with specific information to fund various projects.
- 3). Donations: some items can be donated, such as flowers. A master plan for types of flowers, shrubs, etc. can be developed and congregation members can be asked to donate toward what is needed. Money can be accepted for those who no longer shop as people have done for other projects. A Green Space account has already been set up.
- 4). Memorials: memorial gifts can also be sought as we let Trinity members know what is needed.
- 5). Thrivent Action Cards: these are available for up to \$250 to help fund a project. For example, a workday to help clean out along Olinda. A Thrivent Card could be used to help provide food, equipment for clean-up and some shrubbery.
- 6). Fundraisers: this is a possibility for any of the various areas. At present the 2022 Garage and Bake sale is using some of its profits for the Green Space.
- 7). Donation of Time: As some of the various projects of the Green Space take place, it is hopeful Trinity members can engage in doing some of the work themselves. We believe we need to be creative and willing to work together and that part of our purpose as a congregation is to walk this journey together.

We believe the work of the Task Force is complete at this time. Priorities have been established, a timeline developed and suggestions for funding given.

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