

SEED meeting 2/12/19. In attendance: Irene Turner, Augusta Woods, Brandy Hall, Melanie Hammet, Carrie Lindblad, Jennifer Bridges

1. FoodWell Food Forum: 51 people (9% of Pine Lake population) attended. FoodWell reported it was a great kick off and that they will choose their pilot city in April. They have promised to help Pine Lake with an unspecified urban agriculture project in the future.
2. Brandy suggested that SEED could sponsor a quarterly environmental lecture series. The first speaker was Zach Weiss's water retention landscapes talk in February. For the second, Jennifer will ask Susan Meyers of Monarch Watch to speak before the June 1st planting of the new monarch garden. Carrie will seek out a speaker on wildlife that will debunk common myths and encourage conservation.
3. Plant sale: the official date will be May 5th at Fleeman Park. Jennifer has created a flyer and will begin hanging them soon, and will create a Facebook event and get the word out via the PL website and Announce. Susan Lightcap will organize a seed swap at the event.
4. New monarch butterfly garden: There are two possible locations: behind the art fence, and at the crest of the trailhead on the Eastern wetlands. Brandy will discuss placing the garden at the trailhead at the next Council meeting.
5. Bulb sale: Bulbs donated to Brandy will be bagged and sold for a suggested donation. Jennifer will contact PLAIN and MAP about selling bulbs at the next pancake breakfast, and at the next PL Lounge. Irene and Carrie will sell at the breakfast, and Jennifer and Carrie will sell at the Lounge.
6. Brady has reached out to MAP about combining with SEED and BeeCity to plan the next Pollination Celebration. The tentative date is April 27th, with a planning session between the three organizations planned for March 14th. Jennifer will contact Susan Meyers of Monarch Watch about a possible partnership as well.
7. Irene has graciously volunteered to send an updated SEED events listing to Jean Bordoux for publication on the PL website.
8. Great Georgia Pollinator Count: Melanie suggested holding a Saturday morning Coffee and Count on August 24th to rally neighbors for the pollinator count. Citizens would be trained and provided booklets with which to perform their count.
9. Newsletter: Brandy suggested a yearly or twice-a-year SEED newsletter to let PL know what's going on with SEED and with general environmental issues. Jennifer has volunteered to put the newsletter together and will ask for input from members in the coming weeks.
10. SEED will sponsor the upcoming nature walk with Kathryn Kolb and Susan Edwards on March 23rd. This will include creating flyers and a Facebook event page. Jennifer has emailed Susan Edwards to see if either of these things have been created yet.
11. Irene has found 5 grants that could apply to various parts of our agenda. She will share this list in the near future.
12. Augusta has enlisted the help of Robby Bowen from DNR to give suggestions for improving the lake, and the Council is exploring options. He will also do a fish count.

13. Brandy is working on a city map that identifies green spaces, which could be useful for a FoodWell urban agriculture plan. She is also looking at harvesting rainwater from public buildings.
14. Brandy is meeting on February 24th with Zeb Freedman, who specializes in integrating invasive kudzu into natural fiber art. He might come to PL to teach classes.