

SEED Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 6th, 7:00 pm  
Pine Lake Clubhouse

1. Cages for milkweed plants in the nursery
  - a. They are there and Carrie Lindblad reports the plants have not been disturbed since she put them out.
  - b. We discussed other locations where cages could be placed to protect natives in areas routinely mowed.
2. Guidance document for public works or third party landscaping companies
  - a. SEED would like to know if it is able to create guidance docs for public works. Some guidance could include:
    - i. ID native plants and protect with tomato cages or signs
    - ii. No Mow Zone signs in the berms and swales off Lakeshore with specific time frames—eyelet stake with cords to rope off the area
3. Tim takeover as Chair
  - a. Jennifer will contact Brandy to let her know Tim would like to be Chair, and Christina Chapell would like to join—what is the protocol?
4. Improving the annual plant sale
  - a. Wendy brought a great list of ideas that we can use to strengthen the plant sale for next year
5. Defining SEED: members would like to create guiding documents
  - a. First we need to know our role in the city and what we can and can't do. The first step will be meeting with Cha'Quias and Brandy. In past meeting minutes, Cha'Quias stated she wants to meet with different city committees, so we assume she is ready to meet with us. We will bring a list of questions. Tim will set up a meeting time.
    - i. We need to know the legal stuff—collecting money, liability, committee protocols
    - ii. Bee City USA— We need to know about the use of pesticides in the city
    - iii. What is the future of landscaping in Pine Lake? SEED should know this so we can work with Public Works or contractors to facilitate environmentally friendly practices in line with the city's mission. Is SEED able to make recommendations to the city regarding landscaping that Public Works can then follow?
    - iv. How does Cha'Quias feel about SEED being an advisory committee to the Council that has a meaningful impact
    - v. Can we liaison with outside entities like DNR and the county for water testing?
  - b. The group discussed what we've liked and not liked about the various SEED iterations
    - i. Likes: volunteer removal events, plant sale, Pollination Celebration, Bee City USA, the times we've been able to advise council and seen them follow through on suggestions, pollinator census, lecture series speakers

- ii. Dislikes: Being considered free landscapers by council and residents, doing research and efforts that were not utilized by council, having residents yell at us during working meetings without the protection of knowing the protocol
- 6. Action items: Set up meeting with City Manager, email Brandy about new members, pollinator census in August
- 7. Next meeting: June 12th or 26th