

Library Landscape Committee

July 12, 2012

Special Meeting

Committee Members Present: Tamara Fletcher, Kyra Wagner

Absent: Monica Cogger

Staff: Angie Otteson and Ann Dixon

Visitors: Janice Chumley, Cooperative Extension Agent

She met with a few representatives from the Landscaping Committee to walk the library grounds.

There were no Staff Reports.

There were no Public Hearings.

There were no minutes or synopsis for approval.

Pending Business

A. Field Trip on Library Ground for Invasive Weed Identification and Discussion

Canary Reed grass was identified and eradication methods were discussed.

Canary Reed grass is very difficult to eliminate unless you have heavy equipment to remove the root mass. And something to plant in the resulting hole. Because the library is so close to salt water and our Canary Reed grass is not endangering a stream, we basically have a moral issue to resolve. Removing the seed heads from the existing plants will reduce spreading this invasive plant beyond the territory it has already claimed.

A volunteer from the Landscaping Committee has started this process. Disposal of the seed heads is the next concern as placing them in the landfill isn't appropriate. Burning is the best option. A small patch of Hawk Weed was discovered during the tour and was removed by this group.

There was no new business.

There were no comments of the Audience.

There were no committee member comments.

There were no staff comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2012 Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Public Library.