

UUFPP Grounds Committee Charter March, 2011

General Purpose:

The Grounds Committee acts as an action board which will administer grounds maintenance and improvements as decided by the members of the UUFPP. The purpose of this committee is to maintain an attractive and thoughtful appearance to maintain “street appeal” for its members and the general public while promoting a Green Planet mentality by attracting and supporting native flora and fauna species.

Leadership:

The Grounds chairperson is appointed annually by the Nominating Committee, presented to the Board and voted on at the Annual Meeting. The chair can serve up to four consecutive years, but no more without one year of hiatus.

Committee Membership:

The chairperson is responsible to recruit other members of the committee. The balance of the committee should strive for a mix of members and friends of UUFPP that have skills in areas such as horticulture, landscaping, dendrology, gardening, and wild life management while other members and friends of UUFPP are also encouraged to join. Per the bylaws, the Minister and President are ex-officio members of the Committee.

Meetings:

Meetings will be held as required. The Committee will have formal work days to promote community effort and ownership of the plantings of the UUFPP. These work days will attempt to coincide with seasonal changes and be facilitated by cookouts, future garden planning, or other social events to build community ownership of the grounds of the UUFPP.

Specific Duties:

The Grounds Committee is responsible for the general appearance and upkeep of the grounds of the UUFPP. “Grounds” will include all plants, shrubbery, and trees growing outside of the buildings:

1. The “yards” are the grassy areas which will be maintained as a clean and safe activity area for all to enjoy.
2. The “flower gardens” will be those cultivated areas which will be maintained to provide visual enjoyment as well as fulfilling the ecological needs of local fauna to include pollinating insects, butterflies, hummingbirds, squirrels, nesting birds, and other “neighbors.”
3. The “wilds” will be brush and leaf piles maintained at rear portion of the property which conjoins to the Pep Boys parking lot. The purpose of the wilds is to provide safe shelter for wildlife and provide a green area to place clippings and leaves with the intent to compost and reuse later to maintain the gardens.
4. The “shrubbery and trees” will be those plants which, by their nature, are above knee level. The committee will endeavor to maintain healthy populations and promote diversity throughout the property. Large dead trees which do not impose any threat to buildings, property, or persons will be observed and maintained to provide diverse habitat for multitudes of flora and fauna. Should a tree become a hazard, it will be brought to the

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ground in safe manner and positioned such to promote wildlife and provide a learning environment to be enjoyed by the members and friends of the UUFP.

5. In addition, the Grounds Committee will be responsible for the orderliness of the garden equipment shed and the good operable status of the equipment stored there.

Outcome Measurements:

The Grounds Committee will always remain open to suggestions and ideas from active members and friends of the UUFP. We would like for you to be proud and happy of the appearance of your Fellowship and solicit active participation to grow our environment in a thoughtful way.

Budget and Spending Authorities:

As a standing committee the chairperson of the Grounds Committee may authorize payment of UUFP funds within its budget.

Reporting Requirements:

1. Yearly report to the Policy Board for annual report.
2. Monthly report to the Council of Committees.

Authority/Relationship to the Board:

1. The Policy Board approves the Committee's charter and working budget.
2. The Grounds Committee shall advise the Policy Board for the need for new or revised policies in regard to grounds issues or expenditures.