CCE Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023

Present: Peter, Mary Ellen, Pati, Liz, Betsey, Kim, Susanna, David, Susan, Ellen

Garden Progress

Committee discussed how to best move forward to complete the garden project in accordance with available resources, prioritizing the garden and recognizing our commitments. Discussions have also occurred with Kevin at Epic Landscaping and he has provided us with a revised workplan and related costs which stages the remaining construction. Doing so will enable completion of the garden itself including both raised and inground beds, water, electrical infrastructure, walkways, fencing, and surrounding grass. Our target would be early April. Future phases will see the garden house constructed, the rain garden developed, parking lot completion etc.

Walkways - Committee discussed options with consideration to cost, accessibility and maintenance and ultimately agreed that all of the walkways within the garden will be completed with true grid and stonedust.

Fencing - After discussion committee was in agreement on a 4 foot unpainted narrow spaced wooden picket fence, with arbors over the 2 entrance gates. Overall a more rustic look is still preferred but availability and cost factor in. Kevin will be asked to provide us with options for final review and Liz's approval.

Project Financing - In order to move forward as quickly as possible to complete the garden itself and spur fundraising for future phases of the project, the Grounds Committee recommends that another \$10,000 of MGV funds be allocated to this project.

Plant Lists

Committee has developed a list of plants for the various beds within the garden, including natives, pollinators, deer resistant, sensory, herbal, gardening in small spaces, the aas display and vvtg trial beds, and the vegetable beds. We also have the side perennial beds and the shade garden in front. Focus was on base perennial plants for the new raised beds and how to procure the various plants. This is a work in progress but feedback is welcomed.

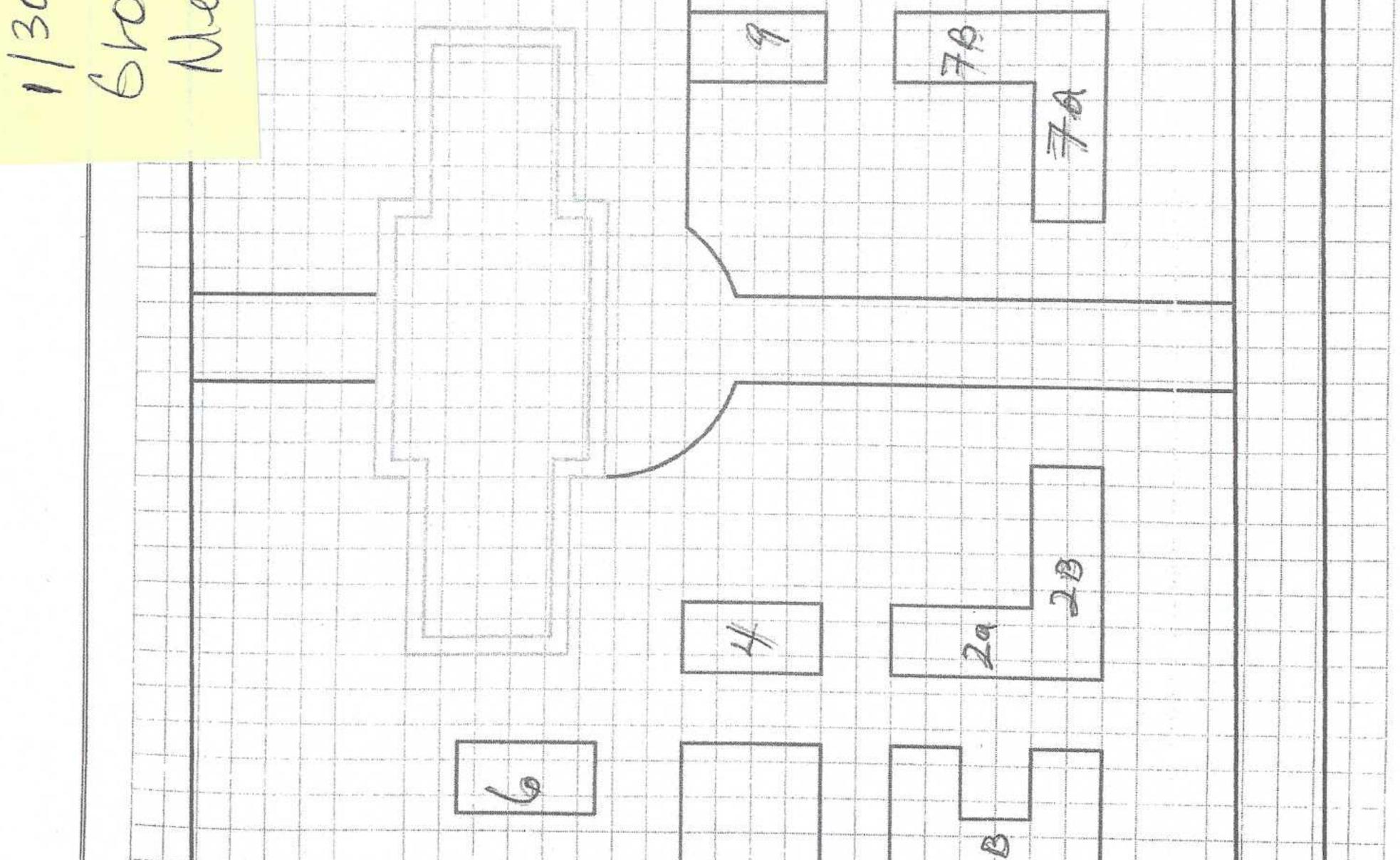
Signage

Committee utilized foundation provided by the Cooperstown Graduate Program students to finalize the meessage, information and language on the garden signs. It was determined to have signs of welcome on all of the gates, a large welcome sign on the wall as you enter through the garden house, and then signs for the following: rain garden (2), pollinators, natives, deer resistant, AAS, VVTG, small space gardening, vegetables, sensory and herbs. Once finally tweaks are made language will be forwarded on by Pati and Liz.

Next Meeting - Tuesday March 14th at 10:00. Possible hybrid meeting if office is open and weather is good.

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