



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Time: 7:30 PM.

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**Location:** Via Zoom

**Attendance:** David White, Johanna Meyer, Stephan Miller, George Stephans, Jenifer Tidwell.

### Agenda

- 1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res.**
  - a. Two herons, two swans, and ducks were observed
  - a. Asters were noted as blooming well, with some goldenrods still present.
  - a. Concerns were brought up about bleached white, dead plants along the shoreline, causing unpleasant smells.
- 2. Review previous meeting notes.**
  - a. Meeting notes from August were approved without issue.
- 3. Town Day report**
  - a. It rained all day.
  - a. About 240–300 herbal sachets were distributed.
  - a. 25 new names were added to the committee's general contact list, including two Girl Scout troops.
- 4. Garden planning**
  - a. Weeding**
    - i. Areas needing cleanup: trimming plants, clearing paths.
    - i. Bindweed is still an issue; many flowers are seeding (ironweed, bee balm).
    - i. Discussed invasive management, particularly bindweed.
    - i. Decision to delay taking down signage until after the American Community Garden Association (ACGA) visit on September 28th.
  - a. Other: signage, kiosk, ...**
    - i. Many of the signs used at Town Day got soaked in the rain and were damaged.
    - i. Signage updates are needed for both Town Day and the garden.
    - i. Creating new, laminated signs for Town Day and other events was proposed as a winter project.
      1. Girl Scouts are a possibility for redoing fence signs, which could be a winter project.
    - i. Kiosk - Several possible new locations along the main path next to the garden were discussed.
  - a. Invasive management**
    - i. Plans for invasive species removal during workdays and ongoing management.
- 5. Sept 28th Gardening day. 11 am American Community Garden Association (ACGA)**
  - a. Gardening day is scheduled for September 28th from 9-12 a.m., coinciding with the visit from the American Community Garden Association people in the late morning.



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**6. Meeting and workday events coming up:**

- a. October 15: Monthly committee meeting
- a. October 19: Workday
- a. Possibility of another workday before Thanksgiving to take down signs etc.

**7. Other**

- a. Discussions on improving future Town Day activities, possibly adding a “Frequently Asked Questions” sheet and interactive displays (microscopes, fish, or water-related projects, water chestnut seeds).
- a. Discussion on the fish in the reservoir and whether it is safe to eat. No confirmed heavy metals, but no testing for safety.