

Yard Committee Report

PSJC Annual Meeting

January 12, 2025

1. Role

- a. The Yard Committee was born out of the pandemic. Those 3 years made clear that the yard is a vital, even central, place for worship, celebration, and gatherings. The committee was charged with developing a strategic plan to create a space that is welcoming and accessible, functional for programming, productive and attractive to new members and revenue, restorative, and sustainable.
- b. See PSJC website, www.psjc.org/yard .
- c. Contact via PSJC Office, or yard@psjc.org.

2. Actions

a. Qtr 1 Actions

- i. Reviewed prior committee chair's achievements, including initial design concepts and leadership/board priorities and requirements.
- ii. Solicited committee membership
- iii. Obtained quotes from three firms. Contact relevant references in the community. Selected a local firm, Field Form (FF), and sent a proposal to the Board.

b. Qtr 2 Actions

- i. Obtained Board approval to execute a \$10K design services contract with Field Form.
- ii. Design Planning & Development
 - Received Initial Design concepts from FF.
 - Reviewed multiple phased master design, along with drainage building materials, hardscape options.
 - FF delivered final phased design and lump sum quote for installation and construction supervision.
- iii. Communication & Fundraising campaign
 - Coordinated with board and office to set up website, emails, forms, announcements
 - Engaged potential donors and community members in 3 informative participation meetings. Countless meetings were held with leadership and staff.
 - Raised \$130,000 & plant donations

c. Qtr 3 Actions

- i. Executed \$125K contract for installation and construction services
- ii. Scheduled Phase I installation and finalized material selections, bed placement, drainage plan.
- iii. Committee site supervision of installation contractors and just-in-time decisions on contingencies..

- iv. Communicated updates to the congregation through email, service announcements, marketing bookmarks, and poster.
- v. Enlisted landscape architect and native plant specialists for assistance in Phase II. congregants Scheduled volunteer days.
- vi. Coordinated two (2) Volunteer Planting Days on 9/15 and 9/29 with XXX volunteers

d. Qtr 4 Actions

- i. Shifted to monitoring and maintenance
- ii. 10/20 - ribbon cutting to celebrate
- iii. Continued planning on donor recognition
- iv. Collaborated with Environmental Committee to apply for Adamah grant

3. 2025 Next Steps

- a. Maintain planted areas
- b. Solicit volunteers to help with Yard Maintenance/Stewardship
- c. Collaborate with Centennial Gala Committee, Fundraising, Environmental and other committees for programming, events, donor recognition.
- d. Plan for more volunteer/community events in support of next Phase of the yard plan

Members

Carrie	Savodnik	Chair
David	Tepper	Member
Nicole	Shaw	Member
Sharon	Tepper	Member
Yair	Reiner	Member
Lise	Engber	Member & 2022-23 Chair
Rachel	Goldstein	Member

Budget

Expenses		Shul Budget	Yard Fund	
Column1		AMOUNT	AMOUNT	DATE
Field Form - 20329.1	Design	\$4,200.00		4/30/2024
Field Form - 20329.2	Design	\$4,000.00		6/19/2024
Field Form - 20329.3	Construction		\$62,538.00	8/2/2024
Field Form - 20329.4	Design	\$2,000.00		9/8/2024
Field Form - 20329.5	Construction		\$50,030.40	8/27/2024
Field Form - 20329.6	Construction		\$12,507.60	10/6/2024
Montemarro	Topsoil		\$500.82	8/29/2024
Shannons	Mulch		\$62.71	9/29/2024
Shannons	Compost		\$156.69	9/29/2024
gardeners.com/my-pages/order-history/OrderDetails?salesId=2243903223	Stakes fencing		\$564.92	9/22/2024
Home Depot #WJ65089847	Edging		\$391.95	9/23/2024
Wayfair	Solar Lights		\$111.02	9/22/2024
Leopoldis	Paint		\$256.00	9/8/2024
Lowe's	Planters		\$323.10	9/18/2024
Lowe's	Tools		\$154.38	9/25/2024
Shannons	Mulch, soil		\$83.56	9/25/2024
Shannons	Mulch, soil		\$125.37	9/25/2024
Home Depot	Tools		\$112.17	9/26/2024
Met - Snacks			\$32.07	9/29/2024
		\$10,200.00	\$127,950.76	