

## William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway

## Meeting with Pratt Guys (PG) Re: Bartram Trail Library

October 1, 2025

## Attendees:

Adam Pratt, Founder PG
Derek Pratt, Founder PG
John Cacchione, Designer PG

Joe McAnarney, Chair William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway (WBSHH)

- 1. Joe traveled to the Pratt Guys' office (PG) to meet with Adam Pratt and staff. Pratt Guys had been recommended by Friends of the Bartram Trail Library Chair, Ms. Caroline Dow, as a company that might have ideas for the outdoor garden at the Library.
  - a. https://www.prattguys.com/about/
- 2. Focus of the discussion was on the outdoor garden shown in the Scenic Highway Master Plan.

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These drawings are provided for design intent only and are not for construction. No engineering review, structural or otherwise, has been performed.

Overall Plan

- 3. Adam lives along the Scenic Highway, in the Fatio Grant area, and knows the Library very well. But he is unfamiliar with the Scenic Highway Master Plan booklet and is very impressed with what Joe shows him.
  - a. Joe indicates that the Master Plan booklet is also at the library in the Resource area.
- 4. There was discussion on the Library Gardens area:
  - a. Joe explained that cost estimates stated in the Master Plan were around \$600K. Can some value engineering occur to make that more economical?
  - b. The design shown is not final and more community / library discussion can happen.
  - c. Adam would like to visit the library, check out the site, and work up some very preliminary design ideas and costs.
- 5. Joe is appreciative of what Adam will do and explains that this is all very, very preliminary and where a ballpark cost estimate would be good enough.
  - a. Joe also explains that since the Scenic Highway is a 501c3 organization, Pratt Guys could submit a letter estimating the value of their time as a pro bono effort. That could be a tax deduction for Pratt Guys.
- 6. It was agreed that a next meeting could be at the Library in a couple of weeks.
- 7. Adam stated that he might join the Scenic Highway as a member so as to help with landscape ideas elsewhere.

Submitted by,
Joe McAnarney, Chair
William Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway

## Postscript:

- Following the meeting, Joe scheduled a meeting for October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Library.
- Joe then received an email from Library Manager, Maribeth Beck, that the library wants
  to put all plans and plan efforts on hold. The Library needs to expand due to increased
  use, and the outdoor area shown for the Bartram Garden would be where a building
  addition would need to go.
- Joe canceled the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, contacted Pratt Guys about this "hold", and left a message for Adam to not put any time into plan ideas and costs.