

PLACEMAKING EXERCISE: QUICK OVERVIEW (as of 4-9-21)

Forty-eight members of the Meeting participated in the Placemaking Exercise and completed the form (as of April 9).

A few areas indicate the possibility of an emerging consensus:

1. Lower the front hedge along Court Street and make the entrance more welcoming
2. More and better signage and improve the appearance of the small metal gate entrances
3. Move the Peace Pole/pollinator garden to the sunny space at end of bldg. near entrance
4. Very mixed response to front (Court Street side) proposed parking area –e.g., leave it as is (preserve view/ambience), make pervious or keep as grass (after grading to allow parking), avoid snow-plowing (use Zoom in bad weather), only pave the lot by current entrance, not as bad as I thought (good use of unused space)
5. Add more benches in South graveyard, screen metal fencing with vines/bushes but mainly keep as is
6. Significant interest in developing the area behind the gathering room—more benches to allow parents to keep an eye on their children in the playground, for gathering outside on a patio (either an expanded deck or at ground level)—and making stairs handicapped accessible and connecting the stairs to the graveyard
7. Improve use/appearance of covered porch off the back of the Meetinghouse
8. Beautify back corner of property in water retention area: e.g., rain garden, amphitheater, add picnic tables and/or benches
9. Keep Northeast burial ground as is with a few more benches
10. Make playground area more accessible for differently-abled children –but overall great as is
11. More support for paved parking on the North side by the main entrance (as well as tree planting to shield us from the new condos)than for parking on the South side; some concern about the traffic pattern (shielding pedestrians from cars)
12. WE LOVE OUR BIG TREES