

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

May 23, 2011, 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, Room 205

Attendance: Chris Clay, Amy Avecedo, Nicole Harter, Deb Schwab, Teresa Triana, Beth Dahlstrom, Ellen Williamson, 2 more Franklin residents, Lauren Marciszyn came late, Jeff Nutting stopped in.

Absent: None

Call to order 6:36 PM.

- Accept and approve meeting minutes (5/16/11)
- Pre-lottery examination of sign-ups per category
 - o Discussion about application duplicates per household. Only 1 application per household permitted. Removed duplicate applicants before lottery began, so those households do not have higher percentage chance of getting a bed than other applicants. 1st applicant per household remain in lottery, 2nd removed. Sorted the list by address and removed duplicate.
 - o Next year, make it more obvious that only 1 applicant per household will be accepted. We should send letters to those applicants and explain why they were removed. # 33, 57, 12, 36, 41, 63, 10, and 51 removed.
 - o Left 57 left in the lottery.
 - o Categories—only 1 accessible application, and 1 community groups. Motion to place them in the beds. 2nd. We placed them.
 - o Made calls to clarify whether people who put an organization down—but put “general public” were actually an organization. They were all general public.
- Approval of bed counts based on registration numbers
 - o Motion to make the remaining accessible and community org beds general public. 2nd. Approved. The number of beds open to general public is now 40 beds instead of the original 30. There are 55 remaining applicants for the general lottery.
- Lottery for King Street Garden
 - o Placed #'s 1-65 into random.org. Ellen Williamson, Franklin resident and applicant, pressed the submit button. The website spit out a list of numbers in random order. If a # comes up that is a # for a discarded applicant, then we will move on to next number.
 - o Amy calls out numbers, Deb assigns to bed on the spreadsheet.
 - o Once completed, Deb calls the numbers. Amy enters the bed number for that applicant into the spreadsheet. Once all bed numbers are assigned, the remaining applicants receive a number in the wait list in the order for which they were listed on random.org.
 - o Lottery complete 7:54 PM

- o Amy will edit the formatting of the list and send to rec department. She will coordinate the communications to the gardeners/waitlisters this week.
- King St. Garden Site Discussion
 - o Orientation—
 - Discussion of Chris' guidelines, renamed handbook. Deb will reformat a bit.
 - Discussion of what we are keeping in folder.
 - Edits to biz card.
 - No contact info
 - Deb will finish up this week.
 - o Opening day
 - Plant sale is happening. Amy is organizing. Friends will receive ½ of profits. As well as leftover plants. Go towards pantry beds.
 - No prohibited plants to be sold.
 - Press release going out tonight.
 - Ryan and Jeff are coming.
 - 9 AM Saturday
 - o Signage
 - Jeff is getting a sign made. Hoping it says Franklin Community Gardens and then King Street Garden underneath.
- New Business
 - o Who is talking?
 - Lauren will organize the format—welcome, thank you, vision, background, committee, town-rec, dpw, Jeff, suppliers, Archie
 - Chris say something also about volunteers
- Adjourn 8:39 PM