

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

May 9, 2011, 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, 3rd floor lounge

Attendance: Chris Clay, Amy Avecedo, Nicole Harter, Teresa Triana, Deb Schwab

Absent: none

Call to order 6:37 PM.

- Accept and approve meeting minutes (5/2/11)
- King St. Garden Site Discussion
 - Build Day- Debrief & Follow-up items
 - Part 2 will be on May 14th. Chris has organized for DPW bob cat to be there to fill the beds. Need some volunteers to build remaining beds.
 - Lauren M is typing up the contacts—would like to email to get more volunteers for this Saturday.
 - Discussion around getting lumber for remaining beds—Lauren may be getting some for Y and Eaton—discuss with her on the next order.
 - Discussion on hand-written thank you notes. Didn't get addresses. Could get them on white pages. Chris thinks people may feel weird that we looked them up—maybe personalized email thank yous?
 - Put a thank you on facebook and email.
 - Plot Registration & Lottery
 - 16 people so far
 - Need to do some promotion
 - Amy-American towns.
 - Lauren bringing flyers to friends meeting
 - Need more tri-fold—if pertains to friends. Maybe put them at library
 - Cable access at municipal building
 - Franklin Matters
 - Facebook
 - Reach out to community organizations—via email. Phone calls may seem like we are guaranteeing spots. See how emails go and then re-evaluate #'s next week. Emails also more viral—can pass along to correct contact.
 - Dean
 - Interfaith counsel
 - Boy scouts
 - Girl scouts

- Superintendent
 - Senior center—needs to be a phone call. Amy will handle seniors.
 - Rotary, lions, elks
 - Downtown partnership
 - Rec department
- Discussion on lottery—
 - Need to discuss process next meeting. How we will do it.
 - Discussion around seniors. Do they get a special population? Jeff wants them included somehow. Need to follow up to see how he meant. Chris will make the call. If seniors not well represented in lottery—still can refurbish the one at the senior center and add one to Eaton place senior living
 - Need to close lottery @3. Get 3 copies of the reports from rec in the afternoon. Divided into the 3 buckets—and randomize the order of people.
 - Bring hats. Cut up the names on one copie and put in hat. Teresa and Amy have top hats and garden hats to bring.
 - Put plot #s into hat. Pull a number then a name out of correct category.
 - Plots need to be numbered—need a map drawn.
 - Need recorders—will record the # and then the name.
- Orientation
 - No one did their homework...except Amy. Found a good one online. Will send to everyone.
 - Have meeting presentations (powerpoint) online and a handbook.
 - Powerpoint
 - Recommended bed layouts
 - Basics of companion planting
 - Garden etiquette
 - Watering
 - Maintenance of bed and surrounding areas.
 - What does organic mean—what is acceptable and what is not
 - 50 Green folders—logo sticker on front—Deb will take care of it. Reimbursed later.
 - Contact sheet
 - Plant a row info-Amy will bring
 - Pamphlet for friends—Lauren trifold?
 - Copy of powerpoint handbook
 - Rules and regs
 - Resources sheet
 - FAQs can go on blog

- Opening day
 - 28th.
 - Have Jeff Nutting cut ribbon if he is there?
 - Other options? Ryan, Jim or Carlos?
 - We should all be there with Lauren up front
 - Need pretty invitations
 - Need to set a time—ask Ryan when a good time would be?
- New Business
 - There was a discussion with Jim Esterbrook on land on Washington st someone brought up. Table for now—but maybe next step. Different kind of gardens there—more opportunities in future.

Adjourn 7:48 PM