

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

June 6, 2011, 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, Room 106

Attendance: Chris Clay, Amy Avecedo, Nicole Harter

Absent: Deb Schwab, Teresa Triana

Call to order 6:35 PM.

- Accept and approve meeting minutes (5/23/11)
  - Amend the minutes:
    - Add that Ellen Williamson was the one to submit the button on random.org and to provide witness to the lottery.
    - Approve the amended meeting minutes (5/23/11)
- King St. Garden Site Discussion
  - Debrief Opening day
    - Went well. Would have liked more press, but a release went out.
  - Discuss any issues with sign-up, membership, payments
    - Kim and Greg offered to put up hose things and Chris said to go for it.
    - 4 have not paid so far. Amy called them:
      - Terry Bowman is releasing
      - Sharon Ellis hasn't returned the message
      - Donna Capone is thinking about it and will return the call
      - Sarah Ryan is releasing.
    - Have contacted next 2 on waiting list. One was a message (#60) and one will let us know tomorrow (#19).
    - Next we need to look at who has paid, but hasn't planted. What should be the deadline. 2 weeks from opening day for most (Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>). 2 weeks from the day they accepted the plot for those on the waiting list.
    - Motion for Amy to handle all delinquent payments/plantings based on discussed dates and guidelines. Approved.
  - Signage for the garden
    - Chris will talk to Carlos about "Visitors take only pictures and leave only footprints". Child asked Amy already if people could go in and eat whatever they want because it is a community garden. Need something to imply non-communal
- New Business

- Shed &Kiosk—
  - Shed-Jeff discussed and said yes. The question is whether we want something backed up to the fence to act as kiosk. OR, in the far back of the garden so that it is likely that items are stolen.
  - Kiosk—would want 2-3 sided. Might be better if it is multi-use for the whole park and not just the garden.
  - Amy will follow up with Jeff about kiosk and shed.
- Section leaders
  - Open it up to all, but also approach people who have been great leaders so far.
- Swap table area—to share seedlings
- Drop off time for plant-a-row
- Tool kits in the shed. Tools for being organic.
  - Dr. Bronners with instructions and spray bottles.
  - Watering cans
  - Rain barrels discussed—but low priority until we have a shed.
- Chris office hours. Saturday AM. Can go in the garden and talk/ask questions.
- Website—
  - Growing in Franklin site updated
  - Want a town rec page—
    - Similar to page for Beaver pond. Our spot for rules/regs, pictures
    - Outside of the boards/committees page.
    - That will become area for Town Committee—then Growing in Franklin will become more friends-focused.
    - Amy will handle it and find the person in the rec department that would handle it.
  - Next blog
    - Status quo of where things are.
    - Chris' office hours
    - Pictures—Nicole needs to post hers.
    - The following blog will be about bugs and sunburn, etc.
- Registration is full messaging—are we going to reopen and have a rolling waitlist? Amy will ask Ryan about that also.

- Discussion of long term planning for next sites. Canvassing for another spot. Potentially Dacey field? Need a strategic plan.
  - What would we need from town? From friends?
  - Need a goal for fundraising
  - Discuss at July meeting—do a SOAR or SWOT analysis exercise. Give us time to recover and recharge from King st build.
- Meetings in the summer:
  - July 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>
  - August 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - June—cancel 13<sup>th</sup>. Keep last 2 meetings.
  - Nicole will post those meetings and book rooms.
- Adjourn 7:38 PM