

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

August 8, 2011, 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, Room 106

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

Absent:

Call to order 6:40 PM.

- Beth
  - Asked by Amy to meeting.
  - Discussion about workdays. Workshop/information on putting up food. Canning, freezing, etc.
  - Weeding this weekend also.
- Ellen Williamson would also like to get involved.
- Accept and approve meeting minutes (7/18/11)
  - Reviewed them, since there was a large # absent and no minutes had gone out (secretary was absent).
  - Amy will type and send.
  - Approved by all.
- King St. Garden Site Discussion
  - Workday / Volunteer Hours
    - Amy, Teresa, and Deb went—no official one. Never emailed the garden.
    - Discussion whether every Saturday rotation? No one seems thrilled—difficult for some to get there on Sat AM—leaves some people out who can't get there.
    - This year, not going to keep track very closely to hours. Monitoring system is not set up yet.
    - Email everyone to pitch in and weed around beds and in common areas. Reassess in September if people aren't stepping up.
  - Gardener update
    - Overall people seem happy/thrilled with the garden.
  - Registration/waiting list
    - If we grant bed now, do we charge?
    - 2 empty beds—paid, but empty. How do we charge if we give someone on waiting list-season almost over. Defer to Ryan on decision.
    - 4 more people on waiting list officially.
    - Want to spend next meeting discussing the online signup—make edits as a team and then someone bring to rec and go through it. On Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.
  - Signage

- Compost sign—Deb will update with Lauren’s images and then will post.
  - Supplies update: Shed
    - Boy scouts—need project to be 120 hours. Apparently they take a long time to be completed. Rethink it.
    - Chris will ask about bulletin board from Carlos.
  - Section leaders
    - Not necessary at the moment. Things working out fine with the garden coordinator.
  - Plant-a-row drop off
    - Have the boxes
    - Need to notify gardeners.
  - Chris office hours
    - Chris is going to do some office hours on 20<sup>th</sup> (21<sup>st</sup> if rains) 9-11 AM.
  - Website updates
    - Will start updating based on email blasts—will use the content.
- New Business
  - Need a bulletin board to post events. People also need an email.
  - Trash—
    - Chris asked if we could have a can-DPW said no, but can move the one on the field closer.
    - Don’t want one on our own—who would empty? Like the leave only footprints.
  - Communications
    - Need a person to handle this. Slipping through the cracks.
    - Maintain and manage all gardener contact—emails, etc. Deb volunteers.
    - This week, send email about Chris’s hours, wedding, and things needed to be done, plant-a-row boxes.
  - Dates for meetings:
    - September 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Oct 17
    - Nov 7, 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Faucet broke—now fixed
  - Thanks to Chris!
- Adjourn