

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE

February 6, 2012 6:30 PM

Municipal Building, 1st floor conference room

- Attendance: Teresa, Nicole, Chris, Amy, Kelly Sabini, Kiernan Joliat, Rich Clauser
- Accept and approve meeting minutes (1/9/12)-done. Nicole will email to clerk.
- King St. Garden updates
 - Still there!
 - Shed—discussed with Ed McGrath @ tricounty, expecting to work on in March/April. Asking for sooner, but we will see, depending on weather.
 - Carlos- as soon as is safe, will turn water back on in the garden. At least by Memorial weekend.
- 2012 Renewals/New Gardener sign-ups—
 - Decision by Ryan Jette @ town rec not to have renewals for last year's gardeners online. This is due to the fact that there is no way to know online if that person should be a "renewer" or a "new gardener". It will be easier for the rec department to be a gatekeeper in person @ the office. Sent a direct email to people who are eligible to renew, 3 have signed up so far.
 - Waiting list will be online and open as a rolling list. Current goes until December and we will roll over and refresh in the New Year. Have 12 on the waiting list now.
 - 2 beds available already based on last year's open beds. Called the people on the waiting list from last year. First one is definite yes. Second person on the list has not yet replied. Kelly Sabini will take lead on contacting them, just in case of a language barrier.
 - #8 bed—Friends of FCG will be transferred to the town rec for summer camp. Friends will tend the bed in spring and fall.
- Opening Day Plans:
 - Free seeds to give out—contacted some seed companies. Demo with Chris for pea planting will begin @ 10 AM. Will discuss not watering, vine vs. bush, etc.
 - Do we need a rain date? Decided not. Was publicized as weather permitting.
 - Other topics?
 - Maybe cleanup of glass? Chucked in there or coming up from soil?
 - Winter sowing
 - Crop covering
- New Business:

- Open position of committee members—
 - Had 3 requests for new committee members. Amy sent the letters of recommendation. Found out we can only have 5 members because of the original charter. Rich Clauser was sworn in. Nicole will be leaving, have one more spot open. Decision to be made on who—will be Kiernan Joliat. Nicole will step down immediately and Kiernan can then be trained as the secretary to replace her position before the baby arrives.
 - Will work with the town council to determine if we can have unlimited “associate” committee members and what the difference would be in the 2 roles. Chris will research the difference. Kelly Sabini would take that role and be in line for next available member position.
- Woodchips--Need a new load @ King St, Chris will contact Carlos.
- Earth Day—potentially work with Ryan Jette to become a worksite for the town? Spread woodchips and compost?
- Need compost to top off beds:
 - Chris will calculate what is needed
 - Discussion of “free” compost from town. Concerns over the potential for accidental contamination from herbicides
 - Free from Grateful Farms? They get compost from horse farm. Same concerns. Chris will do some testing on Grateful Farms compost.
- New Garden elsewhere?
 - Rich and Amy will work offline to find some viable options to get the ball rolling. Depends on funding and working with the town.
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