

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2013, 6:47 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Amy Acevedo, Chris Clay, Rich Clauser, Teresa Triana
- **Minutes for 11/26/2012 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o All committee members must do ethics test by April 5 – Kiernan will give reminder at March meeting
 - o Carlos at DPW has OKed us marking out a space for wood chip delivery with stakes and paint – has no chips presently but will drop off a load for us when he gets them.
 - o Ryan at Rec is ready to put waitlist/new registration back up – just needs blurb from Amy and info on waitlist folks who have already been assigned beds. Website should go live in next couple of days.
 - o Teresa still planning to step down as soon as possible – Val Sternadore may be interested in joining committee. Amy will ask her.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Rich has one rain barrel ready to go, will install ASAP. Needs one more piece for a second rain barrel.
 - o Bulletin board cork has been delivered, Rich will complete
 - o Copper aqueous pressure treated looks like it should be OK for organic gardens. Chris and Amy will check on prices.
 - o Mountain of farm compost available for us
 - o No exact build date yet for 4 downtown beds
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o 4 or so people have emailed Gardenmail re: being put on waitlist – Amy will respond and let them know registration procedure
 - o Need to draft basic email/press release to gardeners announcing renewals when open
 - o Bed 18 will not be renewing; Bed 40 had personal issues preventing her from caring for her bed last year but is still really interested and wants to renew for this year
 - o At March meeting we'll go over waitlist and do official bed assignments
 - Chris moved to give Amy authority to make assignments if for some reason we don't get quorum for March – seconded by Kiernan and approved
 - o Teresa has 18 confirmed renewals, plus 8 new available beds (4 from food pantry's move, 4 new build)
 - Beds 18, 29, 37, 41 not renewing
 - Beds 7 and 10 unreachable (we already knew 7 was not renewing, Kelly Sabini is being moved to bed 7)
 - Beds 22 and 33 – couldn't find contact info on list (never carried over from waitlist). Teresa will check on waitlist and contact.
 - HMEA not renewing their bed (Bed 6) either (didn't have time to coordinate things this year) but will consider renewing in future. May be an opportunity for a build directly at their facility?
 - Beds 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 31, 39, 40, 44, 45, and 46 all renewing
 - Teresa hasn't been able to get in contact with others yet – will keep working on reaching remaining people

- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o September meeting date had to be moved due to room availability – meeting Sept. 16 instead of Sept. 9
 - o Spring build days – confirmed Mar. 9 (rain date 10th or 16th), 2013
 - o Amy’s brainstorms for potential events/talks: organic fertilizer sale (broken down into 1 lb bags), sunflower starts, beneficial flowers/companion plants, strawberries (fundraiser?), 3 season planting (could tie into 3 plant sales – early, mid, late season), salad bowl kits (takeout containers with soil and mesclun seeds), container gardening talk, bee friendly garden, seed swap, winter sowing, seed starting techniques, pre-Mother’s Day or Earth Day crafts (seed-embedded paper), how to build a raised bed, gifts from the garden (herb wreaths, etc.), garden I Spy game with kids (with disposable cameras purchased through Y grant)
 - Possible “field trip” for kids and families to a local farm – this may not be a viable option for this year (due to insurance/liability issues) but maybe down the road
 - o Winter sowing demo and seed swap would be a good February/early March event – we will combine with March 9-10 build day.
 - o Season opening event – confirmed Mar. 17, 2013 (Sunday).
 - o Plant sale/composting talk possible event for Earth Day (Apr. 21)
- **New Business:**
 - o None
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