

**Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3, 2013, 6:47 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)**

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Amy Acevedo, Rich Clauser, Chris Clay, Bonnie Kaiden
- **Minutes for 5/6/2013 meeting:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
  - o Kiernan now has recording of minutes for April 1 meeting – will transcribe and distribute to committee before next meeting so we can put on next month’s agenda for approval.
  - o We need to get Bonnie formally approved as committee member – Bonnie will submit form tomorrow, Chris will write letter of recommendation to Jeff Nutting.
  - o Amy will be reaching out to Rec to open up waitlist before next meeting
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
  - o Still need to coordinate loam/compost delivery to fill new beds – Chris will make call to McIntyre to get prices, etc. Y has paid for it, we just need to get it delivered.
  - o Chris will keep up discussions with Carlos re: tree – Town would really like to keep it but Chris will talk with him again
  - o Rich has picked up replacement nozzles for the hoses
  - o Suggestion made to go to more of a push model to get people signed up for work days – we can send out a list of available work days to gardeners and tell them they have to sign up for one. We can make 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month a work day (with Sunday as rain day), and if people have schedule conflicts we’ll work with them. We will email available dates to gardeners and also post at garden on bulletin board.
  - o We got permission from DPW to dig along outside of fence to plant flowers – Amy has some to donate. On short sides of fence we can go out to 3 ft from fence. We can also plant in the “island” in the middle of the path.
  - o Back edge of the garden (inside fence) is in really rough shape – need to go in with a rototiller or torch or something. We can look into renting a flame weeder but definitely need to talk to Carlos first! Can also talk to DPW about their various options (bush hog, etc.)
  - o 3 very bad beds – 11, 25 and 40.
    - 40 is a three-time offender – warned about bed condition last year and missed renewal date this year. Chris moves to reclaim bed and reassign to someone from the waitlist – Rich seconds. 3 in favor, 1 abstains.
    - Bed 11 is the Girl Scouts’ bed – will need to reach out to them and find out what’s going on.
    - Bed 25 – Chris will contact
  - o Rich and Amy fixed the broken wheelbarrow and it works great
  - o Rich and Kiernan are working on adding shelving to interior of shed – overhead storage is done. May add some pegboard – Amy has some she can donate.
  - o We want to keep flag system going – Rich and Bonnie have volunteered to help Chris out with flagging beds.
  - o Chris suggests we have an informal “Gardener of the Month” award – can post on Facebook page, shed bulletin board, etc. Amy will spray-paint a trowel gold and

make it the “Golden Trowel” award. First recipient should be Bed 7 (Kelly Sabini and family).

- Amy will make signs for new compost bins – “Fill Me,” “Resting,” “Use Me”
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
  - We can assign 4 new beds from the waitlist once the loam gets here
  - Amy will work with Rec to get waitlist opened up again
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
  - Plant sale was a hit – made \$86.25! Next year we can start everything in Amy’s greenhouse
  - Idea for a kid-focused event – build a low raised bed right by entrance for a kids’ garden and “plant a rainbow, eat a rainbow.” Amy will look into grant terms and conditions to find out if there’s a deadline for using the money and if so, when it is
    - Kid event with grant is more of a Friends responsibility – will move it to their discussion
- **New Business: None**
- **Adjourn: 7:39**