

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2013, 6:46 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 106)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clauser, Chris Clay, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 4/1/2013 and 6/3/2013 meetings:** Approved.
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Bonnie has submitted paperwork to Town to join committee – waiting for Town approval and meeting with Jeff Nutting
 - o Chris has left messages with Carlos at DPW re: whether Town will authorize us to use a flame weeder/take down the tree – no response yet
 - o When Chris reaches Carlos he will also inquire re: having Town put up a sign stating no dogs in the garden
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Still need to work on loam/compost delivery to fill new beds – we have received several quotes but haven't been able to get it delivered yet because of the wet weather. Ideal schedule would be to get delivery ASAP and then fill during July 20 work day.
 - o "Use me" compost should be in good enough shape to use as base layer for new beds
 - o Sign-up sheets for work days were posted and emails sent out – 20 or so gardeners signed up so far.
 - o 3 people signed up already for next work day (July 6-7) – can work on new bed filling as much as possible
 - o Idea to create work list – things that need to be done (bed filling, tilling for pollinator beds, etc.).
 - o High priorities for this weekend - distribute wood chips and get weeds knocked down a bit. Kiernan and JP will bring their tiller/weedwacker this weekend.
 - o Shed shelves should be finished at this weekend's work day
 - o Garden is in good shape overall – still a few beds uninhabited, but the beds being used are doing well. Another item for this weekend's work day is to plant some things in the unused beds if the assignees from the waitlist don't want to get started till next year
 - o Bed 28 is Garden of the Month for June – will get the Golden Trowel. ☺ From now on we will award on the first work day of the month.
 - o This month's only real offender: bed 42. Some other beds are a little neglected re: harvesting but 42 is the only neglected bed (weeds, etc.).
 - o Rich has raised rain barrels – we will experiment with the hoses we already have and find out how far they will reach from the barrel.
 - o Idea for one bed, either new or reassigned – community herb garden (all gardeners welcome to take some).
- **2013 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Bed 25 has been contacted and will not be participating this year; bed 11 same. Those and 40 need to be reassigned from waitlist.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Plant a rainbow, eat a rainbow is going to be a little too complicated to pull off this year – will save for next year

- New idea for kid event: plant green beans July 13-14, send everyone home with a bean seedling in a paper pot (match with a garden scavenger hunt), and then return September 7-8 to harvest
- **New Business: None**
- **Adjourn: 7:35**