



Rose Roots Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021, 6:00 pm, Location: Google Meet

Recorded by Laura Bennett (Draft until approved in March Monthly Meeting)

In Attendance- Patty Sacks, Erin Newton, Kendra Eliason, Patricia Resner, Andrew Glasgo, Theresa McKinney, Jim Richards, John Malito, Judy Newton, Karel Hemler, Vicki W, Analou Lopez

6:03-Call to Order, Agenda overview and Introductions

6:07-6:40 Presentation by Marissa Silverberg

The intent of the presentation was to give the Rose Roots leadership an overview of where food shortages are within Jefferson county-very data driven. Also, there is an overview of where current food pantries exist and resources of who can help Rose Roots navigate through our “food giving program”.

Marissa Silverberg- msilver@jeffco.us, Food Systems and policy for Jefferson County Public Health

- Food mapping in Jefferson County-where are high needs areas?
 - Food Desert-distance or access to grocery stores
 - USDA only looks at low income
 - Jefferson county looking at “high needs” with 8 different areas
 - Able to analyze data for delivery of food and Marissa Silverberg is willing to work with our team on needs for Jefferson County
 - Resources for areas in needs and websites below:
 - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/iqhx2uYmES5N8rBU2>,
 - <https://www.jeffco.us/3780/Food-Policy>
 - Grow and Give-CSU Extension
 - John Stozle- jstozle@co.jefferson.co.us
 - John would be a good contact for us to communicate where food pantries exist within Arvada and who might need our help, as well as what type of food they might need
 - Food Swamps-access to fast foods

6:40-6:55 Shelley Cook-Founder of Veggie Van-Overview of Veggie Van

- Mobile Van that goes around to various location in Arvada
 - Examples of how veggies are used
 - Package items that are fresh as a recipe kit-consumer favorite
 - City of Arvada-Community Food assessment (2017)-areas mapped on free and reduced lunch for children
 - Veggie Van has done special events and willing to do more
 - Food Storage is challenging-looking to build a storage unit for the van and food collected for Veggie Van

- Thompson Elementary, Trinity Church, Foster Elementary are all resources that have used the veggie van
- John Malito works with Shelley Cook and has all her contact information

6:56 Approval of Minutes

- It was suggested we donate plots to community members in need. It was pointed out that we already have our “Learning” and “Giving” Scholarships, highlighted on our Community Outreach Page. It was decided to add information on our home page about the scholarships to direct people wanting to utilize those scholarships.
- Ref: <https://www.rosereootsgarden.org/community-outreach>
- Minutes were approved.

7:01 Standing Reports

- Website has been updated to include:
 - Learning and Giving scholarships
 - COVID guidelines
 - Meeting minutes and call-in notes
 - Diversity in each meeting-Erin Newton-overview
- Membership
 - 5 people are a “maybe”
 - 3 Food Bank plots
 - 88 Full size
 - 6 available
 - ½ plots 8 total
 - 4 available
 - 10 ADA-sold out
 - 16 people wait list
 - 5 want ½ plots
 - Expected to be full
- Treasurer
 - \$8200 balance
 - 2020 conservation effort-water bill was up \$350 over prior year. 2020 was dry and hot which could have contributed
- Operations
 - No updates

7:11- Special Reports

- Updates to website for “lead positions”
 - Positiosn need to be filled
 - Best way to get gardeners to take lead positions

7:13-Unfinished Business

- Compost Organic
 - Regarding organic compost, Patty contacted the former DUG supplier, Rosa Floral (located in Denver) and also, a company called BOSS Compost (located in Fort Lupton). They both sell organic bio-solid free compost. BOSS sent me their specification sheets and offers a slight better deal, 3 CY more compost for an additional \$12. Costs follow:
 - Rosa Floral
 - - Eco Compost at \$34/Cubic Yard with a \$70 delivery fee. Maximum load size is 12 Cubic Yards: Cost for 12 CY would be \$478 delivered.
 - BOSS Compost
 - - “Black Tea” compost at \$33/Cubic Yard with delivery included (15% discount) and no delivery fee. Maximum load size is 15 Cubic Yards: Cost for 15 CY delivered would be \$500.
- 1 cubic yard of compost will cover 1000 square feet at 1" depth. If we covered 200 square feet per the 89 plots we would have 17,600 square feet to cover in total, still less than what we need.
- Options- We can continue to seek low cost manure that we can compost. Typically a horse stable, such as Bibber Creek, (as we understand it) cleans out stalls and the manure sits for about a month before pick up. Manure needs to be composted 4 months and reach a temperature of 140 degrees prior to use. Other calls to companies that sell and deliver horse manure and during the call several meeting participants suggested sources for free manure, such as the CSA participant next to our plot, and other farm owners were suggested, friends of the leadership team. The Llama Farm adjacent to the garden charges for their manure. I can continue to pursue those leads as even with 15 CY bio-solid free compost ordered, it will be far short of what we can generate and the amount we will need to continue to improve the soil in our plots.
- Patty recommended we order from BOSS Compost. It was motioned to purchase 15 yards of compost from BOSS which is a better deal than ordering from Rosa Floral. In the past we have ordered 12 CY from Rosa Floral. Motion was seconded. **Motion passed** for Patty to order the compost for an April 1 delivery and continue to work on locating other sources for composted animal manure. She's contacted two stables for manure pick up and two other companies who deliver horse manure. Other possible sources were suggested by meeting participants.
- By-laws revisions will be discussed in next meeting
- Garden West Side Landscape Improvements being discussed with City.

7:33- Meeting adjourned

