

Rose Roots Community Garden
Monthly All Gardener Meeting
Location: Rose Roots Garden East Shed
Sept 14, 2020
Recorded by Judy Newton, Secretary

Called to Order: 6:08PM by Karel Hemler.

Present: Barbara Mutman, Karel Hemler, Kendra Eliason, Gary Williams, Linda Richards, Jim Richards, Analou Lopez, Judy Newton

Absent: Erin Newton, Laura Bennett, Geremi Boom

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was unanimously approved as distributed

New Business:

Garden Season Closure:

- a. Increase composting activities:
 - All garden waste should go in the composting except sunflower seeds and diseased plants
 - Everyone needs to help with this in order to make the best use of the facilities we have
 - Suggestion: Every gardener must give one hour toward the composting as part of the 12 volunteer hours
 - Kendra E. sent information about composting to gardeners via Mail Chimp.
- b. Decrease reliance on end of season dumpster
 - The dumpster will arrive October 1st and be picked up November 1st
 - Only diseased plants and sunflower seeds should go in dumpster as well as damaged hoses (anything that can't go to compost can go into the dumpster).
- c. Schedule official closing events

- The garden will close Nov. 1st
- Water turn-off: The city determines when the water is turned off; usually before the first freeze
- Hose storage: the damaged ones will go in the dumpster. The good hoses will be stored in the West barn closet
- Tool Inventory: Gary does tool inventory the first part of November

- d. How do we “celebrate” the garden this year? Suggestions:
- It was unanimously decided that a potluck was not feasible with Covid
 - An afternoon Open House at the garden with live music would be the next best option
 - BYO chairs and snacks
 - A Sunday afternoon in early October depending upon weather and availability of musicians was approved as best option (provisionally Oct. 11th)
 - Barb M. will try to secure commitment from musician Tim
 - Linda R. knows of another musician who might be interested
 - Musicians will be paid a stipend of \$100 each
 - A boom box will be secured as a back up for music

2. Upcoming expenses

- a. Website renewal:
- \$320 was approved to renew the website
 - Kendra E. will notify Erin to renew
- b. Phase 2 garden border maintenance:
- \$550 was approved unanimously to finish the borders
 - Karel H. Proposed; Kendra E. seconded
- c. Hose “Stand” maintenance:
- \$200 was unanimously approved to repair or replace the hose stands after the hoses are removed

- Gary W. and Jim R. will make the repairs
 - Proposed by Gary W; seconded by Jim R.
- e. Lean-to Shed:
- \$500 was unanimously approved for the construction of a new lean-to for summer storage of lawn mowers and rototillers
 - Jim R. Proposed; Kendra E. seconded
 - Supplies needed will include wood, screws and a chain and lock to secure the equipment
 - The lean-to will be placed on the North side with the opening facing East
- d. Dumpster
- The dumpster has been provided by the city and there has been no charge in the past but it is unclear if this will continue
3. Maintenance Schedule
- a. Tripping hazards:
- The garden borders will be finished in the off-season to decrease tripping hazards
- b. Repairs that can we schedule and executed off season:
- New garden plot borders
 - Building of a new equipment lean-to
- c. Volunteer support to assist with repairs:
- Gardeners needing volunteer hours may contact Gary W. or Jim R. for assignments
5. Leadership Succession Planning:
- a. Nominations of replacement Leadership Team Members:
- Nominations will be solicited for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
 - Of the elected positions, Kendra Eliason would like to continue in the position of membership and newsletter

and Karel Hemler may accept nomination as treasurer; Of the Sub-Committee Leads, Erin Newton would like to continue in the position of communications and website administrator. Jim, Gary, Barb and Theresa are all happy to return.

- A job description (as described in the by-laws) for each position will be posted in the newsletter
- Nominees must be an active member (payments current) of Rose Roots Garden but not necessarily have a garden plot
- Interested persons may submit their name with a brief paragraph about themselves to membership by October 4th
- Incumbents will be identified as incumbents on the ballot
- Erin N will be asked to develop a survey monkey for nominations/ candidate pool and a second one for balloting sent to all garden members
- Voting must be completed by Oct 10th so that results can be announced on Oct. 11th at the Garden Open House
- All incumbents expressed a willingness to continue serving if no nominees come forward for their positions.

b. Timing and execution of hand-off:

- New officers' term is effective immediately after the election

6. Walk On Team Updates :

a. Families in Blue – Geremi Bohm

- There will be no off-season collection
- It was unanimously decided to continue with the families in blue next season
- Laura Bennett proposed (by email); Linda R. seconded

b. Food Bank Distro:

- Appx 1400 lbs. of food was donated to the Arvada food Bank which goes to the Community Table.

- The donations will continue next year twice per week
- Further conversation is needed regarding the reporting of number of pounds of food each month.

c. Pollinator Garden Update: Nicole & Tyler: No updates

d. Community Outreach – Art in the Garden – Barb M:

- The first session was held in early Sept. and was a great success with many painters set up around the garden
- The second session was unable to be held due to weather.
- A rain-check is scheduled for late October but it may be too cold by then
- Barb M. will follow up to see if an earlier date would be possible.

New Business:

- a. What to do about gardeners who secure a plot and sometimes 2 plots and then do not take care of them, participate in the garden in any way nor do their community service hours:
 - It was decided by unanimous consent that gardeners who do not adhere to the garden standards or do their 12 volunteer hours will not be renewed. If they have 2 plots and have fulfilled half their hours, they can keep one plot, and will be on probation for the following year.
- b. What to do for John Chism and Gina Schley who started the garden and have given countless hours to its development
 - It was decided by unanimous consent that they would be grandfathered in for membership and volunteer hours.