

## Rose Roots Community Garden Agenda

### Rose Roots Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 6 pm

Location: Rose Roots Community Garden.

RSVP: text (303) 877-9889

Inclement Weather Call In: <http://meet.google.com/kuo-eeig-icz>



Steering Committee Attendance					
Erin Newton, Vice President	x	Laura Bennett, President	x	Jim Richards, Operations	x
Patty Sacks, West Side Lead		Christie Morin, Membership		Gary Williams, Operations	
Tom Glum, Treasurer	x	Shannon Sawyer, Administrator	x	Jack Nix	x
				Brian Seater	x

**6:00 Call to Order-RR Mission:** To restore bonds between people, food and nature and to work together to create a better local food system for future generations.

## Officer Reports

### President—Laura

- **Updates from ongoing topics and new topics**
  - Team observations from garden walk:
    - Jack will bring the grill cover back
    - we have a fox that has been visiting the garden and leaving scat
    - east compost would benefit from walls/enclosure
    - corners and along the fences are especially weedy
    - some community plots look outstanding, others need some love
    - Laura will contact some gardeners to let know we have angel gardeners that can help if needed
  - scheduling two fall work parties (South pollinator garden work party in the fall; end of year work party)
    - Laura will work on dates offline
  - Discussion-sunflowers, dill, morning glories etc.
    - various opinions in garden; education on what these flowers look like in infancy could help; some gardeners love having sunflowers in the garden so a suggestion that we have certain areas dedicated to sunflowers rather than in gardeners' plots
  - Weeding
    - corners of the garden and Outside the garden perimeter along the fence need weeding
    - Do we need to add more gravel? is vinegar impacting the fabric?
      - no, vinegar does not hurt the fabric
    - do we hire people to weed?
      - folks don't like the idea of hiring out for weeding, consider Preen, which inhibits germination—apply in spring, possibly also in fall.
  - Service hours update will be sent out by quad leads

- Brian to help compile gardener service hour totals
- Feedback and ideas from Kendra/Christie
  - Raise hourly rate (next year) of non service hours
  - What do we do about weeding outside of the each garden perimeter-how do we enforce?
  - Ideas for next year on new teams-water teams, compliance officer
  - Do we hire people to weed?
  - Several other ideas for “to do” for 2024 that we can bring up next year.
- other discussion
  - we are considering starting leadership meetings in January, rather than starting in February

**Vice President—Erin**

- Discussion about how to collect money for fundraising. Erin to bring ideas to Sept meeting.

**Administrator—Shannon**

- Pollinator tour update
  - About 30 people came to tour the pollinator garden on Aug 5th, along with about 20-30 bicyclists from Bill Orchard’s Arvada Bike Friendly tour group. Brian and Shannon heard great feedback about Rose Roots, and folks were interested in touring both the pollinator garden and inside the fence to see people’s plots.

**West Side Project—Patty**

- Needs help watering-westside
  - Jim and Jack to get soaker hose and timer from Home Depot, for the west side perennial bed, set up to water every other day
  - Discussed setting up a Sign Up Genius for trees
- We have meeting with City of Arvada and DUG--August 16th about tapping into water
- August 23rd-work party with youth group-goals that night..
  - will focus on weeding and will hook up the soaker irrigation for the west side perennials
  - Looking for cookie donations: put cookies in the fridge with a note “do not eat”

**Treasurer—Tom**

- Discussion on budget update
- Reminder that if fill out your own reimbursements with DUG, please let Tom know so he can keep Rose Roots budget updated and accurate

**Membership—Christie**

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**Operations—Gary and Jim**

- New mower

**Produce Donations**

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## **Big to do's**

- Laura to work on dates for two fall work parties
- Erin to prepare discussion on how to collect money for fundraising for Sept meeting
- Brian compile gardener service hours and then quad leads communicate with gardeners
- Jim and Jack to get soaker hose and timer set up for West Side perennial bed
- All: help with cookie donations for Aug 23rd work party

Meeting adjourned at: 7:20pm