

Rose Roots Community Garden Agenda

Rose Roots Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 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	x	Christie Morin, Membership		Gary Williams, Operations	x
Tom Glum, Treasurer	x	Shannon Sawyer, Administrator	x	Bill Ott	x
John Malito	x	Katie Meis	x	Jack Nix	x

6:03 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

- **Review June meeting minutes and approve**
 - Open items from June 13, 2023
 - Bird House cost-Kendra and Laura working on connecting
 - Participants will be asked to pay \$23 for materials; Kendra will be preparing bird houses for the class
 - Update signage and compost signs
 - chalkboard near parking lot gate being updated (great job!)
 - Laura and Kendra to prepare compost signs
 - Compost workshops very low turnout-how to proceed?
 - Out of the 3 compost workshops offered in June, we had only 5 people join the third workshop (0 people joined the first two workshops).
 - This year: Patty to call Julie Gleason to work on E, W, West Side compost areas; We are still working through understanding compost process for south pollinator garden with the city
 - Next year: add question to end of this yr survey if people want to increase payment and have compost outsourced to DUG; idea for an open house during winter where gardeners sign up for committees (including compost) and showing a mock simulation of composting process
 - Erin has booked two musicians
 - Lucas July 30th (bbq potluck and Evite going out)-need to pay him \$400 (2 musicians, from California, so covering some of their travel costs)
 - John Hewitt September 27th
- **Updates from ongoing topics and new topics**

- Quad leads developed and meeting with quad leads
 - Communication “personal touch”
 - have received great feedback so far
 - Told them about July 15th work party and to evangelize the heck out of it
- Katie Meis met with Ken Billups from City of Arvada for water for pollinator garden.
- Lara with DUG setting up meeting with Erin, Laura and Patti to discuss “tapping into water for the west side”.
 - Erin, Laura, Patty to discuss offline—possibly meet the week of Aug 14
- Food donation has started-great news
 - pick-up day has changed this year--check the note on the barn for details
- Process for Katie (pollinator garden) to spend \$600 budget
 - send receipts directly to Tom and will get reimbursed. Set up account first—Katie to talk to Laura for more details.
- Trash service-Republic or compost colorado
 - We will just pay for Aug-Oct. Laura and Tom to connect.
- Jason youth group service day Wednesday, Aug 23rd 6:30-8:30pm
 - bringing 18-20 youth; Patty supervising

Vice President—Erin

- July newsletter is out-thank you
- Calendar is updated on website with all events
- Evites have been sent out for work parties and also music
 - For music events, we will provide \$200 worth of BBQ food, and ask gardeners to bring side dishes

Administrator—Shannon

- Pollinator garden tour August 5th-how can we help Katie?
 - Katie will be hosting a tour at her own home, Shannon will host the RR tour
- Calendula spreading? Have blurb for kiosk.
 - Laura had a request for Sunflowers to ban them—will discuss more at end of year meeting

West Side Project—Patty

- Work party July 15th-evite has been sent
- Rose Roots Garden and West Side volunteer day. Volunteers can meet 2/3s of their requirement by showing up for 8 hours! Activities include:
 - Moving and raking mulch
 - Adding landscape fabric to area where Lora potty used to be
 - Moving rock to increase thickness of rock layer over the pathways
 - General watering and weeding of plant beds
 - Barn clean up
 - weeding of common areas in Rose Roots Garden
 - Cleaning up compost bin area at East Side.

Treasurer—John/Tom

- Hand off successful!!!!!! Tom is now RR treasurer
- Membership summary
- Approved ability for other people in addition to the treasurer to approve purchasing. RR budget is divided into 5 main sections by topic; one or two people were designated to be responsible for the budget for each particular section, including the ability to move money around in the sub-categories in the section

Membership—Christie

- Abandon plots (111, 69, 25, 105)
 - A gardener has agreed to take care of one of the plots, Jim can put black plastic down on the others to inhibit weed growth and spread

Operations—Gary and Jim

- Compost bins-asked composting team if we need new bins. Answer was “no” just needs a little bit of TLC.
 - They are okay for now, will discuss again at the end of the year
- ADA plots-do we need more?
 - okay for now, will discuss again at the end of the year
- Green wheelbarrow east side needs repair
 - Gary will check
- Lawnmower discussion-battery? (Front range moving closer to banning gas mowers)
 - we currently have 3 of the same gas mowers
 - Tom donated a gas blower and weed whacker
 - discussion on moving from gas to electric/battery
 - Ace currently will provide \$150 credit if turn in your gas mower –Gary and Jim to start with return of one mower and purchase one battery powered mower and see how it goes
 - Jack to research possible grants
 - Tom to research if Ego, or other companies provide discounts for non-profits

Produce Donations

- Up and running! First pickup was done!
- Need a sign on east shed too

Big to do's

- Stay cool!

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15