

## Rose Roots Community Garden Agenda

### Rose Roots Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 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	
Patty Sacks, West Side Lead	x	Christie Morin, Membership		Gary Williams, Operations	x
John Malito, Treasurer	x	Shannon Sawyer, Administrator	x	Tom Glum	x
Anna Campbell	x				

**6:16 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 meeting minutes from 5.16.23 and approve**
  - Minutes approved
  - Open items from May meeting
    - Event calendar-Laura found two musicians
      - Budget-John?
        - Budget is \$1643.45 for seasonal events/supplies/entertainment/food
      - Erin-had one musician John Hewitt booked for September 27
      - Kendra interested in bird house design-cost for materials?
        - This would come from Gardener Amenities line in budget, which has \$3,188.35 remaining
        - **To Do:** Need to find out estimate per person, how much garden pitching in vs how much participant asked to pay, and if bird houses are meant to stay in the garden or to be taken home by the participant
- **Updates from ongoing topics and new topics**
  - Composting
    - 2 hours messaging has gone out in newsletter
    - Workshops scheduled for June 15th, 20 and 24th
      - Andrew has committed to 24 hours of composting
      - Laura spoke to Bill Ott-in favor of composting workshops and more gardener participation
      - Kendra/Laura to update composting signs
        - move to front of compost pile
  - Pollinator garden-Question from Katie Meis

- Who turns on the water for the pollinator garden? (City, does anyone know?)
  - Irrigation is located near CSA building. It broke last fall so was turned off.
  - **To do:** Gary to help Katie with irrigation.
- August 5th tour-how to prepare for this?
  - **To Do:** Laura and Shannon to discuss
- Work day scheduled
  - Clean barns and shed (deep clean with dust and throw out junk). Laura can head this up with a few people from her quadrant?
- Good steward in communication to others
  - if hear someone complaining-take time to educate them
    - Moisture up this year thus weeds up this year. Will take vinegar out once rain stops.
    - We have spent our volunteer hours so far this year differently than usual—we've spent 200 hours this year on West Side work days and built new ADA plots

#### **Vice President—Erin**

- Booked musician for Sept performance.
- Prepared Produce Pick Up and Delivery Sign Up (using Sign Up Genius) for Produce Donation Lead, Alyson Katz.

#### **Administrator—Shannon**

- Calendula spreading
  - **To do:** Patty and Shannon to put together language to include on kiosk and in newsletter

#### **West Side Project—Patty**

- West Side Phase I Project status
- - June 10 Accomplishments
- Tasks to be completed
- - Phase 1 budget, reporting, and accounting
  - **To do:** Patty and John and Tom to get together
- - Complete irrigation tie in (Set up meeting with city)
- - Solicit volunteers to water trees, shrubs and plants, mow, and weed. Set up a schedule and post. clean west side compost area, spread mulch, fill in gravel.
- - Next Volunteer date TBD
  - **To do:** get 2-3 workdays on the calendar
    - Laura and Patty to connect to find dates and to walk site to find location for dumpster
- - First Farm to Table Dinner (BYT!)
- Plot 111 in your quadrant (Laura to update)
- dumpster: hasn't been dropped off yet
  - **To do:** Laura send quote to John and Tom and try to get in touch with customer service rep from Republic

#### **Treasurer—John**

- Review budget additions and approve
  - budget approved
- Christie-final plot fee dollar amount (\$4,980)
  - Autumn Garcia asked for a refund
  - Plot 111 has not responded and has not asked for a refund
- Reimbursed from DUG
  - Laura owes John two receipts (May 6th)
- 2024 Tom Glum-will be new Treasurer for 2024 season, learning from John this season

### **Membership—Christie –team to review and provide feedback to Laura by 6/25**

- Laura and Christie-release plot 111
- Role definition for quadrant leads-need to create tonight so we can update Christie-brainstorm ideas below from Christie:

#### **Quadrant Leads Role and Responsibilities**

**Goal:** Ensure gardeners in your area are aware of the responsibility of being a gardener, know how to get connected to upcoming events, have a safe place to ask questions, foster gardener connections and provide feedback.

#### **Duties:**

- Email your gardeners in your area and introduce yourself
  - Explain your area of responsibility and how it contributes to the overall service hours.
  - Share a list of plot numbers, first name and emails of those in your quadrant to encourage them to get to know their plot mates and if they have questions they can connect directly. **(are you OK if I provide this to the garden leads)? (team vote, yes or no?)**
- When in the garden talk to other gardeners in your quadrant and check in on how their garden is growing.
  - Remind them of upcoming events or ways to earn service hours.
- Bring any concerns or feedback to the President, Laura.
- Over the season, check in with a few emails to see how things are going, remind them of events, ask for any feedback/questions. Give them a service hour update so they know what they have completed

#### **COMPOST:**

- We should say it is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED that ALL gardeners who are not familiar with the compost process attend a compost workshop **AND** use 1 hour of service time toward the compost workshop and composting. This would easily total 2 hours!
  - While I say ALL here (as I'm sure some returning gardeners have never composted) - one could target an email to all new gardeners about this too.
    - Laura thoughts-new gardeners this year if they attended the new gardener orientation know about composting
  - See next time where you can easily explain how they can help in small buckets of time.
  - Possibly consider a sign up sheet for days and time slots people can agree to work on compost together? Or maybe like a standing work party for a few weeks for people to get comfortable before doing it on their own?

#### **OVERALL HELP:**

- Create a list we can hang by the exits that easily explains how you can earn service time so there is no excuse that you didn't know, a gentle reminder, and gets them contributing bits here and there:

**WAYS YOU CAN KEEP OUR GARDEN COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL (while earning your service hours)**

**Laura Updates-Kendra will help make signs for this to put in the garden once we agree on verbiage**

- **Got 15 minutes?**
  - WEED - see a weed, pull it. Any area counts except your plot!
  - SPRAY Vinegar - if you have some, share and spray some weeds!
  - COMPOST - Pull out items in the compost pile that are NON-MOWABLE and put in Trash.
  - BARNS - straighten/clean up anything needed
  - what else?
- **Got 30 minutes?**
  - WEED SOME MORE - expand to
  - COMPOST - Mow the compost file.
  - what else?
- **Got more time?**
  - ATTEND a work party - every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 6pm
  - HELP with special events - see newsletter and Evites
  - JOIN a service team - check out the website for open positions
  - what else?

**Operations—Gary and Jim—move to July meeting**

- Two mowers not working-shall we be on the lookout for new ones or ask for donations in our newsletter?
  - Jim to look at when back from New York
- Compost bins-asked composting team if we need new bins. Answer was “no” just needs a little bit of TLC-who can provide that?
- ADA plots-do we need more?
  - Update on current

**Produce Donations**

- Allyson Katz to lead program-slow growing season due to weather
  - Laura to get with Allyson and see when she wishes to start program

**Big to do's**

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Meeting adjourned at: 7:20pm