



Rose Roots Community Garden Minutes

Rose Roots Monthly Meeting

May 3, 2021, 6:00 pm

Location: Google Meet Call in Link: meet.google.com/udc-rtki-cqj

Draft until approved in July 2021 Monthly Meeting

Steering Committee Attendance					
Erin Newton, President	Y	Kendra Eliason, Membership	Y	Jim Richardson	Y
Patty Sacks, Vice President	Y	Gary Williams, Operations	N		
Karel Hemler, Treasurer	Y	Laura Bennett, Administrator	N		

Members In Attendance: Youth Team: Mary Poole, Natalie Bradmon, Megan Burns, Ruby Yanez and family
Jennifer and Daniel Yanez, Anna Campbell

Officer Reports

6:10 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.

President – Erin Newton

- 16 June events, 7 workshops (2 DUG online), 4 Sun pollinator workdays, 2 Thurs Workdays, 1 music day
- Upcoming Leadership Conflict Resolution Workshops: <https://form.jotform.com/210877706591161>
- RR Info flyer: 5 Ways to Show Garden Love, QR code to log Service Hours (in barn)
- RR Apparel Store order closes on June 8 (Erin will order thank you shirts for our founders and check to see if initial orders went through. Some discussion on ordering a few extras since this can only be a one time order this season): <https://roseroots2021.itemorder.com/>
- Season Kick Off Celebration: appx 40 attendees, 3 performers, Garden Trivia, DUG seedlings distributed
- \$5,000 Neighborhood Improvement grant earned. Kick Off Planning Meeting: June 15, 7 pm at garden
- Service Teams sign up posted on website: 10 Service Teams, Erin testing Microsoft teams as means of communication
- Kick Off RR Youth Team Meeting was productive. Mary Poole-Mentor, Natalie Bradmon youth leader.
- Service Requests to Ask Arvada: 1) move toilet and add enclosure 2) fixed outlet on pavilion 3) small dumpster (\$35.99/month): Discussion included pros and cons of accommodating a dumpster at the garden. M/S Table dumpster order discussion until we have more member input. **Motion Passed.** Erin will send member survey for review by leadership, revise and send out for member input.
- Discussion on moving toilet to parking area to better serve park and garden users. Recommendation to bring this topic to the west side improvements meeting on June 15. Topics include funding and whether \$5,00 grant should be used to partially fund the relocation. Erin is following up with City of Arvada regarding details, accessibility requirements and screening. Will likely be an accessible unit and one unisex unit.
- Upcoming Blog Posts: 1) Composting 101 2) Veggie Van Donations 2020 3) Your Garden Network/Resources 4) RR Youth Leadership Ideas
- Erin will schedule leadership photo

- Erin brought up the topic of providing name tags for Garden Leaders. Discussion included purchase versus make our tags option. Theresa will research making nametags using magnets and laminator.
- RR possibly selected to participate in 3 year Pollinator Study by North Carolina State University (NCSU) students -focus on cucumbers
- 230 Service Hours logged online as of June 2, 2021

RR Youth Team Presentation: Presented activity ideas, such as rock decorating, scavenger hunt. Plan to put up “Hangout Zone” sign to welcome Youth to sandbox area. Megan proposed a budget of \$200 for paints and liquid sealer, signs for the “Youth Corner” based on assumption of \$50 per each event, which includes a small contingency. Request made for Megan to post this list to the Member Resources/Finances website. M/S made to give Youth group \$200 for youth activities in 2021 **Motion was approved.** Appreciation was shown to the youth organizers for their teamwork, commitment and leadership which has a positive impact on Rose Roots Community Garden.

Vice President – Patty Sacks

- Thursday workdays will continue every other Thurs. Erin will put Google form on website for gardeners to log garden maintenance issues that need addressing.
- Rachel Benson at Shiloh Farms Equestrian Center offered additional manure if we need it. We may be able to use it to amend soil for windbreaks during the west side improvement project implementation.

Treasurer Report - Karel Hemler

- No updates on finances other than to state “we are in good financial position.”
- Member suggestion to post the RR budget to ensure transparency was fulfilled. Financial reports come every month from DUG and we are now posting them on our website under Member Resources/Finances.

Membership Report – Kendra Eliason

Summary for 2021 Plots Sold (DUG takes \$25 per plot):

- 15x15 ft plots: 74 plots sold at \$75/plot, total earned \$5,550
- Half Plots: 11 sold at \$45/plot, total earned \$495
- ADA Plots: 10 plots sold at \$35/plot, total earned \$350
- 2 Scholarship plots (not included in total paid plots)
- 3.5 Food Donation plots (Not included in total paid plots)

Administrator – Laura Bennett

- Shades not available at Costco, might be online. Further research needed. Theresa offered to follow up on shade research.

Operations – Gary Williams/Jim Richards

- Community Herb Garden Plot Rebuilt

Upcoming Dates

- **Sun June 6, 1-2 pm:** Buzz about Bees and Pollinators
- **Wed June 9, 6:30-7:15 pm:** All Gardener Compost Training
- **Thurs June 10, 5:30-7:30 pm:** 2nd DUG Leadership Training (online): Collaborative Problem Solving
- **Thurs June 17, 7-8 pm:** Music at the Garden: Tim Merkel-learn more here: www.treebeardsound.com
- **Sun June 20, 8-8:30 pm:** Summer Solstice Howl at the Garden Social

- **Thurs June 24, 7-7:45 pm:** All Gardener Compost Training
- **Sat June 26, 6 pm:** Learn about Service Dogs
- **Mon June 28, 6-7 pm:** DUG Round Table (online): Building Team Culture
- **Tues July 6: 6 pm:** Next RR Monthly Meeting

Note: Pollinator Garden Breakfast Work Parties every Sunday 8-10 am

Good of the Order:

- Herb garden: Deb Harris has taken the initiative to plant, focusing on a Mediterranean and Italian herbs.
- Combination Locks on East Shed and Barn: M/S to keep lock code the same. **Motion Passed.**
- Some wheelbarrow tires are flat and several shovel handles broken.
- Theresa McKinney researching cherry tree dedication plaque to “Honor All Those Who Serve” as part of \$10,000 Wells Fargo grant to build barn.
- Sub-committee (Theresa, Karel, Kendra) will circle back with Sanders Construction to look at designing shelves for North locked closet of Barn.
- Confirm East side compost leads (Glen and Julie).
- Kendra is managing books for the “library.” Comment made that youths could assist.
- Watering signs – need to let people know where they are kept. Comment made to leave out a box for ease of access.

Adjournment **7:30 pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patty Sacks, Vice President, in Administrator Laura Bennett’s absence. Suggested revisions to the Minutes may be submitted to President Erin Newton at leadership@roserootsgarden.org and may be approved with a vote in our next monthly meeting.