

Rose Roots Community Garden Minutes
Rose Roots Monthly Meeting
 Tues Oct 18, 2021, 6 pm, Location: Laura Bennett's House
 RSVP: text (303) 253-5090 for address
 Inclement Weather Call In: <http://meet.google.com/kuo-eeig-icz>



Steering Committee Attendance					
Erin Newton, President		Laura Bennett, Administrator		Jim Richards, Operations	
Patty Sacks, Vice President		John/Laura: Membership		Gary Williams, Operations	
John Malito, Treasurer					

6:52 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.

Season Reflection Discussion

-What to do about squash bugs-potential for huge problem in 2023 (as eggs could have been laid).

Cold winter will help

-People that left plots-if going to leave plots please let Garden know, as we could give to food bank.

Goal of the garden is zero waste.

-Permanent signs at front of garden to help give guidance with gardeners-if they need help watering etc.

-Potential garden ambassador to help educate and guide gardeners (Potential new position)

Officer Reports

President

- Plots cleaned out by **Oct 31**. Will help gardeners who have reached out for help.
- Elected Positions Open for 2023 Season:
 - **President, Vice President, Administrator, Membership** (Treasurer has one more season in 2 year term).
 - End of Nomination period: **Oct 31**.
 - Need short paragraph from all prospective leaders with short background and how they feel about organic gardens.
 - Ballots will be sent out via Google Forms **Nov 5**.
 - Voting period is **Nov 5-12**.
 - New leadership announced **Nov 19**.
- **Lead Positions 2023 season available:** Event Coordinator, Community Outreach Lead, Communications Lead, Service Hour Tracker-report to gardeners.
- Erin will prepare **Year End Report** and **2022 Slideshow** to attach in last newsletter. Please send summary paragraphs on Finances, Westside Landscaping Report, Membership Totals, Operations projects summary.

- **Oct 29: Season End Harvest Celebration:**
 - Work party **9 am**,
 - Potluck Brunch **11 am**.
 - **HumminBirds** performing **10:30-12 pm**.
 - Take leadership Photo
 - Reached out to Sonja with Zander Farms-hopefully will come with llamas.
 - RSVP link in Newsletter

Vice President

- Westside Landscaping Project Updates: Planting in Spring
- Organic pest control ideas
- Irrigation shut off by City of Arvada (possibly will get frost on the 23rd)
- **West Side Project**
 - Acquisition and seeding of a shortgrass mixers from Applewood Seed
 - 15 trees and shrubs-looking at wholesale
 - City of Arvada might have extra trees to sell us
 - Plant pollinator garden to west of fence
 - Need volunteers to plant seedings and bring to garden so we can plant. Pollinator is key. Please contact Leadership@roserootsgarden.org
 - Building benches, and trellis will be a project for next year-volunteers next year
- Nemotodes possible for squash bugs and we need to get control (spring spray, estimate of \$300 for sprayer and nematodes)
- Cover crops-experiment on a few plots that need some more nutrients
 - Curt Donahue to work with Patty Sacks for plot experimentation (Patty to contact Curt)
 - Walk through garden to determine how many gardens are needed-plots that were not actively worked (plots 113, 112, 111, 92 and 93)

Treasurer Report

- October Finances Report
- John and Laura will follow up on Invoicing gardeners for service hours not completed

Produce Donations

- **Produce Donation Report: 1156 pounds donated to date (equates to \$3024.36)**. Last produce donation day was **Oct 13 for Veggie Van**.

Membership Report

- Log final service hours [Here](#) by Oct 31. \$7 per service hour of 12 not completed will be invoiced. To date, **1121 Service Hours** have been logged by gardeners! Would someone like to tally hours on **Nov 1?**
- **Pre-Registration for 2023** form went out. Will be open till March 2023. Added to Website homepage. Have 15 people already pre-registered.

Operations

- 2023 Project Ideas
 - Replace a couple of the ADA plots that need to be replaced or possibly fix-TBD
 - Lumber is coming down still have money in the budget

- Portable air-compressor needs to be purchased for garden-to air tires (approved by steering committee)
 - 3 wheelbarrows needed-deciding to fix or buy new ones-TBD which direction to go
 - Might use 3 old wheelbarrows for yard art in new west side
 - Childrens-Kabota tractor-found a possible source for a new steering wheel. Gary Williams is working with Kabota
 - Food bank plots-need a raised squash bed to continue (plots 20, 21). Karel. Gary and Jim to coordinate (approved by steering committee)
 - Potential bike rack by kiosk-future improvements for people to park bikes
 - Pollinator garden for \$300 for spring 2023
- Inventory
 - Jim and Gary to perform inventory of Garden and report back to Steering committee

Upcoming Dates

- **Oct 29, 9 am:** Annual Season End Harvest Potluck. Please RSVP
- **Nov 15, 6 pm** End of Season wrap up garden meeting with new leaders, make tentative schedule for next season.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 PM-Another great meeting