

Rose Roots Community Garden Minutes

Rose Roots Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 5:30 pm

Location: Standley Lake Library

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			

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.

Meeting called to order at 5:47 pm

Officer Reports

President—Laura opened group discussion of Open House at Standley Lake Library

- **Updates from ongoing topics and new topics**
- Open House
 - Location: TBD
 - Date: **Monday March 18, 2024 from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm**
 - Purpose: Registration, gardener welcome, share information
 - To include a compost mock simulation
 - Gardeners to sign up for a committee:
 - 2024 committees:
 - compost
 - event coordination
 - music
 - workshops
 - opening day and closing day
 - communication (newsletter, website)
 - South pollinator garden
 - West Side maintenance
 - Outreach-Ralston Valley volunteer, Jason volunteer
 - Evite and Facebook updates
 - kiosk updates
 - abandoned plot team to weed and cover
 - Veggie Van has been selected
 - 2024 quad leads:
 - Define responsibilities

- Tasks early season (not for opening day)
 - update signage (water me signs, fall harvest etc (need painted)
 - clean grill
 - sweep both shed and barn and dust
 - food produce-early season signage
 - make chalk boards for communication each entrance
- What other small tasks should we include that do not need a committee?
- **Make a new chalkboard for the other garden entrance.**
- **Provide more education and encouragement to harvest produce for our future donations to Veggie Van in 2024.**
- End of year gardener survey:
- **We will compile a brief survey for gardener feedback and it will go out in the final newsletter of the season.**
- **We will make and send out an Intent to Return in 2024 form for gardeners.**
- interest in paying extra to outsource compost to DUG?
 - **Laura will follow up with DUG to get pricing for outsourcing composting.**
- what workshop topics would you like to see next season
 - Discussion of suggestion to ban sunflowers
- **M/S We will not be banning sunflowers from the garden in 2024. Motion passed.**
 - Grant from garden community member
- **Action item: Anna Campbell offered a grant through her work for Rose Roots. Laura will follow up to check on status.**
- Process for collecting service hour funds:

Laura will contact gardeners to let them know outstanding hours.

Send checks to:

- Rose Roots Community Garden
- % Tom Glum
- 14101 West 86th Place,
- Arvada, CO 80005

Brian Seater has revised spreadsheet to share for 2024 season that will make organization/management of service hours easier. Can walk through with anyone at any time so we're ready to go at beginning of 2024 season.

Laura to work with Brian so we can send out notes to those people that did not finish their service hours.

Vice President—Erin

- Will get final newsletter out with feedback letter from Veggie Van and final season officer reports this week

West Side Project—Patty

Action item: Laura will follow up with the City to check status of 2023 Neighborhood Improvement Grant application

- Erin, Laura and Patty will meet in next few weeks to select:
 - curbs
 - troughs west side
 - arbor/table

Treasurer—Tom

- balance sheet update. Tom is working to consolidate end of season financials with DUG balance sheets, which will be summarized in final season newsletter.

Membership-Lead: Christie Morin

- cancellation clause-working with Sue Mathison at DUG
- Timeline: In 2024 we will have an all gardener Open House Registration on **Monday March 18, 2024 from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm**, location to be determined. Gardeners in attendance can earn one service hour.

Operations—Gary and Jim

- Jim Richards would like to see several plots cleared on west side.
- 7 more bags of herbicide \$264.60
- \$1500 (\$714.59 already spent on a mower). Gary will be purchasing two extra batteries for the new mower.

Produce Donations for 2024

- The leadership team decided, for ease of organizing and maximizing impact and partnership with a targeted organization, we will donate exclusively to Veggie Van in the 2024 season.

Big to do for next meeting

- Look into composting options for 2024
- Begin to budget painting barn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 pm