

**Rose Roots Community Garden Agenda**  
**Rose Roots Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday Aug 2, 2021, 6:00 pm, Location: RR Garden**



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

**6:02 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**

- Buzz About Bees Interview with Nicole McCrorie at Pollinator Garden: video posted to website.
  - New fridge secured, old one removed
- Republic: to deliver dumpster until we cancel pick up
  - 2/3 of the gardeners have voted to have trash onsite. Erin has been on “phone hold” for hours trying to get through to Republic for trash can. To date, no luck on getting a dumpster at the garden. Please continue to take your trash with you.
- Proposed Bylaws Revisions: term limits for leadership roles
  - Discussed and passed unanimously. Synonymous with term limits with Steering committee, there are also term limits on sub-committee leads. Please refer to section “sub-committee leads” in RR bylaws that have been uploaded to the website. Other Bylaw revision states Elected Leads may only run for consecutive terms if no other gardener is nominated.
- 3-year Cucumber study started led by NCSU
  - Great success so far-and enthusiasm from the team at NCSU. Plant cucumbers and join the fun.
- RR Apparel arrived. Available in Barn. Assessing quality of various brands.
  - Read newsletters for information and join your luck in getting one of these fun tee shirts, hats or bags
- VP Patty is following up on several plots to support gardeners.
  - Discussed a mentor program for 2022 to offer guidance to new gardeners.
- Produce donations increasing. Labeled shelves in Fridge to ensure both orgs get adequate produce.
- Gardener Feedback Reports: ADA access parking space requested, messy plots and equipment use.
  - Continued discussions on ADA parking space, plots that need weeded. This will continue to be an ongoing topic.
- Remember to log Hours at QR code on flyer in barn
  - QR code has been updated for ease of use, please provide feedback as well as this is new this year.
- Gardener pictures printed for kiosk and delivered to Sue. Leadership photos after this meeting.
  - Get to know your gardeners without face masks. Look to the kiosk for updates.
- Meeting with Deputy Parks Director Update: IGA between City and DUG expires end of 2021
  - Discussed pros and cons of staying with DUG. Ongoing topic with Steering Committee team.

**Vice President**

- Jason, former garden lead, brought youth group to turn manure and weed.
  - Great success
- Movie at the Garden “Kiss the Ground” report
  - 6 people in attendance and all enjoyed
- Music event went well with Kelan Spinden, along with Youth team scavenger hunt
- Follow-up to help gardeners with plots in need of extra love-how to recruit volunteers?
  - Ongoing discussion
- Report on Community Open House Meeting for Westside Landscaping project
  - Several members attended and gave useful feedback on concept sketches. Working up sketch C.
- Thurs Work Day coordination with Patty Sacks and Julie Lesnick: every other Thurs-will weed gardens in need.
  - This is a big part of keeping the community “weed free”. If you need hours this is a great way to fulfill some.

### Treasurer Report

- Present July Income and Expense Report
  - We continue to balance with Budget breakdown as follows:
    - 9% in reserve (ideally would like 10-11%)
    - 16% for Operations
    - 39% for Maintenance
    - 17% for Gardener Amenities
    - 19% for Community Outreach
  - Discussions/Suggestions around sub-categories under each of these main expense categories

### Membership Report

- 2022 Plot Reservation and Wait-List Form in testing phase. Working on revisions from feedback (will be available in November 2021).
- Over 700 Service Hours logged online.
  - New this year and very successful

### Administrator

- Shade research progress
  - Shade will be purchased for the pavilion, considering square shade sail.

### Operations

- Vinegar mix ordered and sprayed to reduce weeds and elongate life of weed cover
- Two fans installed to reduce heat in barn and elongate life of fridge

### Leads Reports (Eg. Produce Donation, Youth Group, Community Outreach, Community Spaces, Compost)

- No reports provided for this meeting

### Upcoming Dates

- **Sat Aug 7, 9 am:** 17.5 mile Arvada Gardens Tour Bike ride with Bike Friendly Arvada. See details on calendar.
- **Thurs Aug 19, 7 pm:** Music at the garden: Laurie Dameron
- **Wed Aug 25, 5:30-9 pm:** Rose Roots Hosts Micro-Network Social sponsored by DUG (34 gardens invited)
- **Tuesday Sept 7, 6 pm:** Next RR Monthly Meeting

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

**Note: Every other Thurs at 6 pm we have Work Parties with leads Patty and Julie at 6 pm. This is a great way to get your service hours in and socialize with other gardeners. Check calendar for dates.**

7:46 pm-meeting adjourned