

Steering Committee Attendance					
Erin Newton, Vice President	N	Laura Bennett, President	Y	Jim Richards, Operations	Y
Patty Sacks, West Side Lead / Volunteer Activity Coordination	N	Maggie Alcorn, Administrator	Y	Gary Williams, Operations	Y
Tom Glum, Treasurer	Y	Aaron Amaya-South Pollinator	N	Jack Nlx	N
Michelle Michel	N				

**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 6:02 pm**

## Officer Reports

**President—Laura**

- **Service Days**

- **Recap of August 6th Community Outreach - Crown Point Charter School**
  - Huge success – 60+ staff of Crown Point participated
  - At least 120 hours of work completed
  - Should use the five station approach again - orderly methodology for work completion
  - 21 Harvest for Veggie Van signs completed/super creative (distributed to the westside barn and eastside shed)
  - Has resulted in the staff certain they want another work day – this time bringing 15 middle school students along with adults
    - Possible dates suggested by the school: 8/30, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/25
    - With the Sept 3rd workday still on the calendar, and October being late, the two September dates were decided to be best choices
    - Laura will discuss with Crown Point for decision
    - Ideas – weeding (always needed); scarecrow project
- **Music in Garden-August 17th 6PM Potluck**
  - HumminBirds to perform - will be set up at the pavillion
  - Large turnout expected – 54 people have RSVP'd YES
  - Board members available to help Laura with set up at 530
  - Jack's two tents are still available to be set up

- John Chisolm is bring the corn and all fixings at 5pm
  - For corn prep – Gina is providing a camp stove and Laura has two large pots
  - Grilled items will be provided by RR; attendees to bring potluck side dishes and desserts (Jim has offered to grill – thank you, Jim!)
  - Osiris to provide allergen cards (for gardeners to indicate if their potluck is or isn't gluten free, nut free, etc)
  - Dan Donaldson donated PA system to RR (suitcase size) – located in barn; will be used for the music
- **Jason's group – September 3rd**
  - Jason brings 40+ teens to perform whatever clean up services are needed at the garden
  - With the event being later in the season than last year, there might not be enough light left at the end to have a potluck dinner; maybe an ice cream dessert bar – Laura will discuss with Jason
- **Garden Closing Event – October 26** – 9am to 1pm
- **New Project Discussion:**
  - **Memorial Rock Garden**
    - For development this season and into next
    - Placement in the Westside area (possibly where the sculpture was originally intended)
    - Need to brainstorm ideas. One idea already thrown out – metal stakes topped with rocks (or more lightweight material) engraved/printed with the names of long-time, dedicated gardeners that have passed
    - (A similar garden can be found on Westwoods golf course)
  - **Security Cameras/Signage to stop theft at RR**
    - Due to the increased theft at the garden, even whole plots being decimated, a fellow gardener and specialist in security systems was asked to provide RR with several cost-effective options that board members reviewed prior to the meeting
    - It was agreed that to keep costs to a minimum, for the balance of this season surveillance signage at the four gates (indicating cameras are in use in the garden) and one active camera with motion sensor and lights at the corner of the barn should be installed
    - Laura to ask one of our gardeners expert in security if he will install the camera and motion lighting at the barn
    - Newsletter to seek out any of our gardeners who might work in electrician field - could they evaluate the pavilion lighting and modify to motion detection capability
- **Shout Outs to:**
  - Corgan (Scout), Jack and Jim for the amazing new compost bin build on Eastside of garden
  - Jack and Jim for fixing all our leaking hoses so quickly!
  - Patti Sacks for donating another feed bin for flowers/plants
  - Dan Donaldson for donating a PA system to RR for use during Music Events

- **Update on 2025 Season Projects**

- **Children's area revamp:**

- Laura Berkabile will be finished painting the mural by the end of August
- The balance beam (low to the ground) is still in progress—nothing found on nextdoor yet
- Mike Kelly has offered to do a roofing system for the pergola – he plans to change the existing pergola to have a 2” angled drop (for rain runoff) and add a corrugated steel cover

- **New signage**

- Food Forest – Steve Simms has committed to cutting the wood for these signs
- Compost areas
  - Holding off on installation until we find out whether a second sign (like the one Osiris provided from DUG) can be obtained; would like to have both compost areas covered with the same signage
- New Harvest Me signs were completed at Crown Point event and are now located in barn and shed
- Lean To sign
  - All existing cut-out wood was used for the Harvest signs
  - Laura to ask Gamma to cut new wood for Lean To sign

- **Benches west side**

- Cement bases are in place
- Benches will be added as time permits

- **Go Farm** – Tia sold all of her produce at August 6th event

- **Fight Hunger Program.** Rose Roots earned \$313 from the King Soopers/Candelas store program this year (compared to \$296 last year).

- **Website revamp/update.** Continues in the works. Most likely won't see the changes until next season

- **One final note from the president:** DUG is losing significant funding this season, and layoffs have been occurring. Encourage all gardeners to be supportive of DUG.

### **Treasurer—Tom**

- Any board members or garden team leads with outstanding receipts should submit to Tom as soon as possible to keep our accounts up to date

### **Membership—Laura**

- The wait list for next season continues to grow – up to 9 new gardeners, which is unprecedented
- Dan is managing the membership list and will keep track of new potential gardeners as current gardeners drop off (will know by February)

## **Produce Donations**

- Began July 5th – pickups are Sundays and Thursdays; produce to be in the barn by 10 am
- Laura informed board that for this year so far, we are double the amount of donations compared to last year
- Still in need of a willing gardener to head up the Harvest Time push for donations – need to get a team of gardeners to volunteer to inspect the entire garden periodically over the rest of the season to locate plots that are not being harvested and to contact plot owner to find out if they want the all or part of the plot harvested for donations
- Newsletter will continue to advertise the new Harvest for Veggie Van sign availability and encourage any gardener who is going to be out of town or who cannot use all of their plot's harvest to put up a Harvest sign

**Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Jim seconded the motion.**