

Goldenrod Community Garden

Minutes

Board Meeting of 21 August 2023 at 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual.

Attendees: Sara C-W, Barbara S, Tanya S, Parminder D, Diane M

Absent: Dietrich S

Purpose: This meeting was called to complete the Richcraft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Bullman garden as well as address various timely issues.

Action Items	Assigned on	Assigned to	Status
1. Revised MOU received from Richcraft on Aug 18. GCG needs to attach a design of the garden as Appendix A. Barbara will add comments to her sketch to provide rationale for some elements for the architect's benefit. The design will be polished by Richcraft to bring it to scale. Water source needs to be added to the plan. Deadline is Friday, August 31.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara	In progress
2. Verify with Just Food who needs to sign the MOU	Aug 21 2023	Sara	In progress
3. Proposal to set up a 4'x4' vermicomposter, including a workshop for members on composting.	Aug 21 2023	Sara	In progress
4. Set aside a plot to experiment with discarding unchopped material at the end of the season and let it decompose. When done well, it will attract owls and eagles, which may reduce the vole problem.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara Sara	In progress
5. Barbara will suggest a spare plot and when it could be used. Members attending the first upcoming event will be asked if they plan to renew, then the request could be advertized in the next newsletter.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara	In progress
6. Akil can give a workshop at next event planned for the garden. Events Committee will forward possible dates to the Board.	Aug 21 2023	Parminder Tanya	In progress

7. The piles of soil at the entrance must be cleared. Compost will be used in plots while the soil for the pollinator garden can be raked out in the field.	Aug 21 2023	Board	In progress
8. Just Food is responsible for negotiating with the NCC concerning extension of GCG's lease. There is nothing for the Board to do in this matter.	Aug 21 2023	Board	Complete
9. Ways to get people more interested in volunteering for the Board and committees before the next AGM: a calendar of events might help people determine their schedule.	Aug 21 2023	Parminder	In progress
10. Parminder volunteered to be Volunteer Coordinator.	Aug 21 2023	Parminder	Complete
11. The newsletter's former template will be used to request article contributions. Barbara will set up a designated email for the newsletter.	Aug 21 2023	Parminder Barbara	In progress
12. Sign-up list was proposed so people can sign up for what interests them. A Google Drive site can also be prepared for groups to communicate: to be decided by each committee.	Aug 21 2023	Barbara	In progress
13. Members unaware that two Facebook pages exist: it will be mentioned in the next newsletter. Parminder volunteered to moderate the virtual groups, perhaps with the help of a member who offered his services – she will contact him.	Aug 21 2023	Parminder	In progress
14. Start planning the AGM at the next Board meeting on Sept 7, it will be held after Thanksgiving.	Aug 21 2023	Board	In progress

Next meeting: **Thursday, Sept 7 at 7:30 pm**

The following pending items were not addressed due to lack of time, but must remain on the radar:

Action Items	Assigned on	Assigned to	Status
1. Banking: There have been several issues in dealing with Alterna, therefore Tanya will explore other options and bring them to BOD for discussion.	Oct 18, 2022	Tanya	In progress
2. Google (accounts, emails and documents saved): Barbara to close the Inbox account.	Jun 26, 2023	Barbara	In progress

<p>3. Just Food to be contacted regarding this MOU, to ensure Bullman garden gets insurance coverage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquire about similar projects in progress downtown (mentioned at the 2022 AGM). 	July 11 2023	Sara	In progress
<p>4. Once (and if) identified by Just Food, Linda will reach out to the similar infill project downtown to inquire about managing water, maintenance, lessons learned, do they have a MOU, who is the landlord.</p>	July 11 2023	Linda	In progress
<p>5. Organize a summer evening potluck in the middle of the week, two weeks after the Events Committee hold their own event. One is planned for closing the garden in Sept; Parminder will check with Tanya for feasibility of a mid-summer one.</p>	July 11 2023	Parminder	In progress
<p>6. Bee house was donated to GCG garden. What to do with it?</p>	July 11 2023	Board	In progress
<p>7. Research fees and beekeeper/pest control company for bee relocation in case it is ever needed.</p>	July 11 2023	Diane	In progress