

Goldenrod Community Garden

MINUTES

Board Meeting for 9 September 2025, 7:30 pm

Agenda:

1. Roll call: Parminder D, Bryn L, Andrew M, Diane M, Tanya S
Regrets: Sara C, Kumari P, Barbara S
2. Adoption of the agenda: Adopted
3. Review and approval of 19 August 2025 Minutes: Approved
4. Reports from Committees:
 - a. President's report (Sara)
 - No report
 - b. Treasurer's report (Tanya)
 - The July financial report was recently circulated, the August one will be forwarded soon
 - c. Membership (Barbara)
 - No report
 - d. Goldenrod Properties and Soil Building (Andrew) and Pollinator Gardens (Bryn, Diane)
 - Four volunteers attended the August 31 Volunteer Day and weeded the pollinator beds, emptied a hot compost bin, put up anti-theft signs and enjoyed a potluck lunch
 - Water was delivered on September 9
 - Byn will rent a truck to help with the operations on closing day. Tarp could be placed in it to keep it clean
 - e. Bullman Garden Properties Liaison (Kumari)
 - Diane informed that one person assisted on the August 31 Volunteer Day, weeding around the site for two hours. No more than three people are required on that site for maintenance, except on closing date
 - There has been a high level of theft that impacted various gardeners on September 6
 - Some Bullman gardeners are requesting that actions be taken to deter future theft (see New Business for discussion)
 - f. Communications (Parminder)
 - The next newsletter is in progress; Parminder plans to merge Communications with Events
 - Parminder will post a formal invitation to the AGM and the date of the Garden Closing Day on both the Public Facebook Page and in the Private Members Facebook Group. Members will be encouraged to nominate themselves for the Board of Directors
 - Parminder will post signs on the shed informing of the AGM date
 - g. Events (Parminder / Barbara / Sara)
 - The Closing Day will also feature a pizza lunch as was done last year
 - h. Garden Coordinators (Parminder / Diane)
 - No report

5. Carry forward agenda items
6. New business
 - Gardeners requesting theft deterrence strategies
 - Adding locks to Bullman
 - This could be an accessibility issue and care must be taken to ensure that all gardeners can access the site (e.g., a bicycle chain lock) and that there is no risk of someone being locked inside the garden
 - How will we communicate the access code to all gardeners, since we are already facing issues with some gardeners not receiving our messages
 - We will need to ask Richcraft for permission
 - This is not a possible solution for theft at Goldenrod
 - Security Cameras
 - Security cameras need power, require a subscription fee, someone to monitor and maintain them
 - Some board members are opposed to criminalizing food theft
 - Could put up decoys and signs that say the area is under surveillance
 - Board Decision
 - The Bullman Community of Gardeners need to decide what level of response they want to see to prevent theft. This should be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting and all interested parties should be invited to discuss potential strategies.
 - Based on the decision made by the Bullman Gardeners, the Board can facilitate conversations with the land owner (Richcraft) and implement the strategy chosen.
 - Signage
 - More anti-theft signs have been put up at Goldenrod. Signage and information about community meals is also on display at Goldenrod. This information could be added to Bullman as well.
 - Alternative forms of communication with Gardeners
 - When the newsletter came out, we forgot to phone people without e-mail to inform them of the potluck. We should put a reminder in the template (Diane)
 - The Board doesn't have the capacity to provide phone calls or text to Gardeners, and the way that the membership survey was worded, its not clear if its a necessity or a preference.
 - In the interim, the Board will begin posting flyers at the Gardens in addition to sharing information via email and Facebook
7. To note from Action items (below)
8. Next meetings: Tuesday, September 30 to discuss the AGM and the survey (changed to October 2)
Tuesday, October 14 to finalize the AGM

Update on past Action Items

Action	Assigned	Status
1. Parminder will ask members who self-identified as experienced gardeners in their registration form to give a workshop	27-Mar-25	In progress

2. Parminder will contact Brewer Park Community Garden to inquire about the fencing around the plots	11-Mar-25	In progress
3. Andrew to lead the repair of garden beds at Goldenrod. After closing days broken beds will be fixed. A Nanny Goat Hill CG volunteer has also offered to share their experience.	21-Jul-25	In progress

Upcoming business	Assigned	Date to revisit
1. Parminder will forward to the Board links to the bamboo dishware to be purchased for events as well as an estimated total price [Is this still required if we borrow dishware from Jen? - Diane]	09-Sep-24	Spring 2025
2. In the last 2025 newsletter, give a heads-up to the gardeners about the new policy against bird netting, effective Spring 2026	21-Jul-25	Completed
3. [to be assigned] Investigate mini greenhouses for the winter (from the survey). Could suggest row cover until December and for early spring. Will revisit this in the fall	11-Mar-25	Fall 2025
4. Parminder will update the FAQ sheet on the website	08-Oct-24	Fall 2025
5. Parminder: Develop guidelines for SOP about Facebook management	09-Sep-24	Fall 2025
6. Barbara: Prepare separate registration forms for each garden site so that a different Board member can be responsible for the registration process at the Bullman garden	23-Apr-25	Fall 2025
7. Remind gardeners of the new policy against bird netting before the season begins (i.e. do and don't with fences)	21-Jul-25	Spring 2026