

Goldenrod Community Garden Meeting – July 6, 2021

Topic: Goldenrod Community Garden Interim Board meeting

Present: Sara, Carmel, Allegra, Dietrich, Al, Amanda, Diane, Tanya

Regrets: Bryn

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A motion to appoint Dietrich as Chair for this meeting was made by Amanda. Motion passed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Al. Motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 22 2021 MEETING

- A motion to approve the minutes from the June 22 Interim Board meeting was made by Dietrich. Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Interim Board President resignation
 - Al moved to accept Susan's resignation with thanks for her contributions in getting Goldenrod Community Garden to where it is today. Motion passed.
 - Current Interim Board members will cover the President's responsibilities until we can elect a new one at an AGM. Key tasks are liaising with Just Food, chairing the Interim Board meetings, and overseeing the organization of the AGM. Allegra will be the Just Food liaison, and Dietrich will chair the Interim Board meetings and assist with the AGM organization. Al brought a motion to approve these new roles; motion approved.
 - Susan's other tasks included being a contact point for committee members, sitting on the membership engagement committee, acting as spokesperson for the garden, and being a signatory on the garden bank account. Her address is also used for the bank.

- A volunteer has taken on the role of chairing this committee, and Carmel also sits on it and can liaise with the board.
 - Susan offered to be the spokesperson for the upcoming garden opening event.
 - Changing the address and signing authority for the bank is not urgent. There are two other signatories and Susan is still a garden member. This can wait until there is an elected board.
- b. Planning for AGM: visioning, bylaw review, election
 - Dietrich volunteers to lead coordination of the AGM, and will ask the membership engagement committee to support. He will contact the chair of that committee prior to the next meeting and report back to the board.
- c. General plan for use of the shed and tools
 - For security of the shed and its contents, in particular the lawnmower, we should put a padlock on the shed door and/or lock the lawnmower up inside the shed.
 - Al put forward a motion that the build committee continue the build of the shed to securely store the mower for limited access to a few people, and to enable the locking of the shed completely whenever we want to. Motion passed.
- d. Signs to get members to do collective tasks
 - There are sometimes small chores or tasks that members could assist with, for example raking up the straw, and it would be convenient to have a way to communicate this on-site. However, we have been limited in the amount of signage we can put up.
 - The garden rules say we need a bulletin board on site anyway. Communications and Build committees will collaborate on this.
- e. Inclusion of donors page on website for contributions of \$250+
 - Al put forward a motion that we include a page on the garden website acknowledging donors who have made donations larger than \$250. Motion passed.
- f. Participation in garden opening video on Friday
 - The CEO of the NCC will be at the garden on Friday for the opening video at 9am. Susan and Allegra will be there and they are looking for more people to be present. Carmel will attend.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEES

- a. Build

- Compost area is being built, more work has been done on shed, fences are built and ready to be put up
- b. Membership
 - Only one member who didn't build by July 1. In the future the committee will discuss more about barriers for low-income community members to get started gardening.
- c. Finance
 - Current bank balance is \$18,450. Still have \$4000-5000 remaining in expenses, between water and soil. Anticipated remaining balance of approximately \$10,000+. Finished the Home Depot gift cards. Collected \$5,500 in plot fees. Donations total is \$11,440.
- d. Communications
 - On track for the official opening of the garden.
 - Garden sign is ready and will be installed tomorrow morning.
 - Volunteer Barbara has offered to photograph and prepare gardener profiles for the website; we are considering consent before taking pictures and posting them.
 - Joel Harden noted when he visited the garden that we should get in touch with him for phase 2 build as he may be able to support.

ACTION ITEMS

- Allegra will take over the role of Just Food liaison.
- Dietrich will chair the Interim Board meetings and assist with the AGM organization.
- Communications and Build committees will collaborate on making a bulletin board in the garden.
- Build committee will secure the shed and tools.
- Dietrich will lead coordination of the AGM, and will ask the membership engagement committee to support.
- Carmel and Allegra will be present at the garden on Friday morning for the garden opening video with the NCC.