

MINUTES CLINTON COMMUNITY GARDEN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 4 September 2018

In attendance: Annie, Cat, Charles, Faser, Jenny M., Mark, Michele, Ruth, Sandra, Shelley

Absent: Foram, Jenny S., Peter

Meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

1. Treasurer's Report: none (due to absence of Treasurer)
2. Key Sales: Reports given from tonight (9/4), and from Saturday, 9/1. Committee decided that the **only** key-sale day in October will be Saturday the 20th, from 11am - 12pm, as that date would coincide with our next Volunteer Day. Cat and Ruth volunteered to sell keys on the 20th. There will be no key sales on the first Tuesday or on the first Saturday of October. **Note: Saturday, October 20th will be the last day that CCG keys will be sold in 2018.**
3. October Volunteer Day: Committee voted to have the date of the October Volunteer Day coincide with the date that our Fall Soil Amendments will be delivered (Saturday, October 20th). Mark will make a sign for the front gate of the Garden. Volunteer Day will be from 11am - 2 pm, and the Soil Amendment Delivery volunteers should arrive between 9:30-10:00 am.
4. Honey Harvest: Foram should receive the honey delivery from Andrew this weekend, and she will coordinate with Annie regarding the labeling of the jars.
5. Lawn Committee:
 - A. New Lawn Mower: The Steering Committee has received a request to purchase a new, smaller lawn mower as the current one is cumbersome. We discussed first trying to repair/ sharpen the blades of our existing mower. Discussed need for a covered parking space in the back garden near the shed for the current lawn mower. Other points raised included quality control for a new lawn mower and limited space for two mowers.

B. Nesting Bins: The Steering Committee approved a vote to buy five or six stackable bins (in varied colors) for soil amendment transport and plant waste.

6. Fall Soil Amendments: Since we have soil amendments remaining from our Spring 2018 delivery, Jenny M. will place a small order (similar to the order from last Fall) that reflects the number of bags of soil we already have in the CCG. We will use the balance of the grant for next Spring's purchases.

7. Hoses/Hose Reels: Michele requested a new nozzle for the hose in the northwest of the Front Garden. Mark and volunteers replaced two hose reels (one in the Back Garden and one in the Front Garden), and the response seems to be positive. There are a number of areas where hoses could still be replaced. We estimate that 2-3 new hose reels could be installed in six hours, and then the concrete would have to set overnight. We discussed areas where new reels might be invasive to the beds themselves.

8. Plot Committee: Faser is dealing with a Back Garden plot issue that involves plot holders who allowed someone to tend their plot while they were away. Person tending said plot was then caught stealing vegetables in another gardener's plot.

9. Fall Bulb Order: Orders were due today.

A. Coordinated Bulb Order: Five Front Gardeners are participating; Three FGs did not submit orders to Jane; therefore, \$138 remains unused. We approved a vote to use the \$138.00 bulb allowance (that was forfeited by the three gardeners who did not place bulb orders) towards purchasing more "coordinated bulbs" (200 late-blooming yellow tulips and 100 early-blooming pinkish tulips). Any money remaining will go towards overages in bulb orders by those who did place orders.

B. Bulb Allowances: Committee discussed reworking overall bulb allowances for Front Gardeners in light of increasing bulb prices and in consideration of various sizes of front plots. Sandra agreed to analyze existing allotments and rework them when necessary.

Meeting adjourned: 8:29 pm