

**Clinton Community Garden
Steering Committee Meeting**
Apartment of Steering Committee member
December 3, 2019

Meeting called to order: 6:45 pm

Present: Foram Sheth (Co-Chair), Jenny Markovich, Jenny Sterlin, Michele Troise, Shelley Crandall, Sandra Shipley, Davis Janowski, Ruth Marinaro

Absent: Mark Dieffenbacher, Cat Lafferty

First order of business was a toast to MD – may he have a speedy recovery.

November 2019 Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Was brief, as there was little activity in the budget during November. Honey sales are delayed because of lack of labels. It is understood (unknown authority) that honey must not be sold unlabeled. Matter will be fixed as soon as possible (see below under New Business).

Plot Committee report:

Renewal Forms and Volunteer Duties sheet will be finalized at January 6, 2020 meeting, and mail merge and mailing for Plot Renewal will occur by January 13th. RM is ready to help FS with plot renewal documents, organization and issues. FS outlined the plot renewal process through April 2020. SC will try to figure out how to do mail merge, and anyone who can help is welcome to. A lengthy discussion ensued, covering volunteer responsibilities, hours/reportage, etc. Ideas are needed for handling delinquent plot holders. JS and SC will work on who needs to be contacted regarding lack of participation and to establish Committee List for 2020.

Front Gate Padlock:

New padlock not in effect yet. Item tabled until CL could participate.

Proposed Compost Work Update:

Construction plan was amended to three larger bins, instead of 4 bins. DJ explained logic of change. Work pushed to early spring, due to MD health issues.

Proposed New Front Beds:

Discussion of A. Haas proposal: general agreement that plants under the two benches by the yew is a great idea and is approved. Committee generally not in favor of large beds (3.5' strip back of benches), due to lack of access to established beds, and limited "play area", among other things.

Front Bed Allotments:

FS will send out a list of last year's allotments to front gardeners and efforts will be made to make allotments more equitable. SS and MT will submit for higher allotments. Analysis of front gardener habits was proposed.

NEW BUSINESS

East Gate to Back Garden:

DJ explained mechanical problems, and fixes required. Needs professional fix, either by aligning posts or welding in another piece. **SC moved that DJ (with J. Gioco) pursue estimates for fix. MT seconded. Motion passed.**

Shed Keys:

Question raised about the distribution of shed keys in general: who has, or is authorized to have, keys to locked shed and what's policy? General agreement that locked shed used as personal locker must be discouraged. Discussion about shed keys and their duplication and using locked shed for sand/salt "lab". At least, Committee should obtain T. Caylor's list of shed key holders.

Re-write Key Sales documents:

SC intends to re-write/edit Key Holders Rules, with the aim of fitting them on one page.

Honey and Labels:

6 cases of honey and 2.5 cases of soft drinks were moved for winter storage to a unit on W. 43rd St. by DJ and SC. SC has template and will print labels for honey jars. Sometime soon, RM and SC will apply labels at storage unit.

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm

The Steering Committee then held its Holiday Celebration dinner at the apartment of JS. SS and JS provided a sumptuous feast, and the wine and conversation flowed. Thank you, Jenny S. and Sandra.

Minutes prepared and submitted by SC, 12/18/2019