

Aug 7, 2018, CLINTON COMMUNITY GARDEN SC

In attendance: Mark, Annie, Faser, Sandra, Peter, Cat, Jenny M, Charles, Forum
Meeting called to order 7:30 pm

1- Treasurer's report:

Submitted by Forum and approved by the committee

2- Plot Committee:

Except for 2-3 plots that look unattended to, 99% of the plots are in great shape. Requests to tend to the neglected plots have been sent out by Faser. Plot wait listers have been called by Faser to determine if they still live in the area, he will complete calling the entire list in the near future. Faser and Forum, along with Peter (asked to participate with the plot committee), will send out letters in the next few months for plot renewals and donations. A list of at least 10 new wait listers still living in the area and interested in plots for next year has already been compiled at this point.

Plexiglass issue: A large piece of plexiglass put up by Jenny M by her plot is a cause for concern as the neighboring plot holder, Millie has slipped on it and sent repeated complaints about it already. . The piece was put up there to avoid people from throwing the water hose into the plot. A tentative solution is to get someone from Fix-It-Felix (local hardware company) and get the piece set in place properly to potentially resolve the issue. Faser will follow up on this

3- Key Sales:

Since one of the key sales day falls on Labor day weekend, a vote was approved to have key sales on two Saturdays in September. Michelle and Shelley will handle key sales on Sep 1 and Mark and Forum will handle key sales on Sep 8 (timings as usual). Sep 4 key sales will go on as usual.

4- Volunteer Day:

The committee decided on Sep 8, coinciding with the extra key sales day. (11am – 2 pm)

Signs for extra key sales day and volunteer day to be put up in garden

5- Fall Soil Amendments:

Since we have extra soil left over from the Spring, Jenny M to go over what is required for the Fall and reduce/adjust the quantity before placing the order. Forum is in talks with the supplier, Victoria's, to understand how much of the Green Acre Grant has been used up, and if there is extra room, the idea, going forward, is to use the money for other supplies from this vendor.

FYI, the thank you letter to Green Acre needs to be sent out by October at the latest

6- Honey Harvest:

Foram has been in touch with Andrew, beekeeper for the garden, and he will let us know in a couple of weeks as to how much honey would be harvested this year. While Faser and Annie will be unavailable to handle drop off and sales this year, they will still provide the labels for the jars. Foram will oversee and get a couple more people to help with sales.

7- Bulb Order:

Jane will take care of the bulb order. Mark suggested that the front gardeners be presented with an idea to voluntarily participate in the "Mark Project", wherein they can choose to pool their allotted bulb order money in for a bulk order, so the garden would look lovely and coordinated in the spring with similar colors, and maybe even some daffodils. Mark and Sandra to work together on this project and Mark will send an email to the front bed gardeners.

8- Hose and Reels:

Last week, a large order of hoses and reels came in as a result of the \$10,000 grant from last year. Peter, Andy, Mark and Joe will try to install at least one of these in the garden the coming weekend to see how they work. A suggestion, that Fix-It-Felix should come in and give their opinion on the feasibility and a quote on potential installation all over the garden, was approved by all. Mark will get in touch with the hardware store

9- Other Items:

Sanitation Department's Organics Collection:

Annie had been approached by them last month to try and enroll our space in Organics Collection (the brown bins), and the consensus was to ask the garbage & compost committee to give their opinion and go with their decision. They decided to keep things as is for a multitude of valid reasons (Annie can provide details if required)

Macys white river rocks:

The garden was emailed with a query from Macys, they have a vast amount of white river rocks from a recently exited window install that they are looking to donate. Approximately 120

bags, 4,400 lbs. of the beautiful river rocks. Foram reached back and said the garden would love this and wanted to discuss in detail but no response yet. She will follow up and ask more details as to the size of the rocks, how to deliver etc. as well and hopefully the garden can get beautified even further by this addition!

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm