

Clinton Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6th, 2022

Members Present: Andie Davies, Veanne Cox, Cat Lafferty, Michele Troise, Andy Padian, Foram Sheth, Monica Hoyt, Ruth Marinaro, Chris Sharp

Members Absent: None

Meeting Start Time: 7:35pm

Old Business

- June minutes approved

July 4 Recap

- Food was excellent, all positive feedback
- Photos have been sent to the steering committee and will be added to the website once edited
- Presentation to be prepared for donors

Rats in the Garden

- Multiple sites of burrowing which have caused concerns for some back gardeners
- Concerns about poison being toxic
- Proposals have previously and will be brought to Bruce with possible solutions
- Proposal to include the NYC dept of health contact to work towards mitigating the problem

Summer Lecture Series

- Anne Haas will be presenting on composting on July 9th
- Andy will reach out to Andrew for future lecture series dates

Victoria's Visit

- \$250-300 delivery fee, but there is a need for smaller supplies
- Ask front bed gardeners if anyone has a car to physically go to Victoria's
- CCG will cover gas/toll expenses

Shed Path Repair

- Joe has been contacted to spearhead the shed path repair
- He will reach back out to us and pick a date in July
- 4-6 volunteers will be needed to repair the pathway
- Michele will reach out to Joe as to the type of sand needed and contact Victoria's

Locust Bed/Front Garden Plots

- The process for newly opened front gardens is to ask back gardeners first if they are interested and then people on the waiting list. This process was followed for the Locust Bed.
- Annie has also expressed a need for help with the Native Garden
- Per the bylaws, the final decision is ultimately up to the plot committee
- Motion approved: Foram will move to the Locust Bed, Diana Bush (wait lister) will help Annie with Native Bed, and Lisa will move to the Magnolia Bed.

Front Tree Beds

- The four tree pits in the front have been proposed as plots in the past
- Proposal has been sent to funders to redo the tree pits to prevent dogs, garbage etc
- This has been adopted by many other tree pits in the city
- Debbie/Andy/Cat have all been involved in getting the project commenced, Andy will lead the project going forward in the fall
- Motion approved to table this discussion

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Front Lawn

- Original design of the front lawn was that the area in question (West side of the front lawn closest to the gate) should be grassy
- There is not a pathway in front of any other front bed garden
- Vote to change the original design of the garden needs to be written into the bylaws/rules
- Motion approved to attempt to re-seed, cover, and grow grass. If this is unsuccessful in one year, discussion can be re-opened for other options.

Financials

- Several deposits were impacted in May, there were some slight delays.
- Cat will take over deposits/financials for the time being. Chris will be unable to get to the shed/bank for the remainder of the summer.
- Deposits historically have been confusing, the plan on the go forward will be to put detailed descriptions on the deposit slip
- Hicks is sending an invoice for approximately \$2,650 to GreenAcre for future soil amendments. Garden Hardware will invoice GreenAcre until the balance is used out. Cat to inform Garden Hardware.

July Volunteer Day

- Annie/Andy to coordinate a date and communicate with volunteers
- More coordination with the committee leads needs to happen in order to achieve the goals of the garden

New Business

- Chris has announced that he will be stepping down as Treasurer. Cat will take over as Treasurer.
- Water has been gushing on the East side of the garden, Andie will take a look at it on Thursday morning and report back
- Mites have been falling from a tree nearby, it has been determined that these mites don't have any impact on other plants.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:43pm