

## Clinton Community Garden Steering Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, 5 April 2023

### First Meeting of New Steering Committee

Members present: Homar Barcena, Lisa Cicchetti, Veanne Cox, Mark Kellogg, Catherine Lafferty, Foram Sheth, Chris Sharp, Tony Waag

Members absent: Monica Hoyt, Michele Troise Meeting called to order by Foram Sheth: 7:35 pm

1. Welcome: We welcomed our new Steering Committee members: Homar, Mark, and Tony. We each briefly introduced ourselves and, when relevant, described our previous work on the Steering Committee
2. Election of Additional Steering Committee Member: Lisa was asked to join the committee as volunteer coordinator and agreed.
3. The committee agreed unanimously to add Lisa, who then joined the meeting.
4. Steering Committee Officers: We elected the following Steering Committee officers for this season: Foram Sheth, Chair; Catherine Lafferty, Record Keeper; Homar Barcena, Treasurer; Lisa Cicchetti, Volunteer Coordinator. Treasurer: Foram, Chris and Homar to liaise and Homar takeover Treasurer duties
5. Annual Plant Sale: We reviewed the deadline to order plants from Grow NYC (April 7th). Foram agreed to place our order. We discussed picking up the plants from the Bronx location on Friday, May 5th (between 12-4 pm). We are hoping Chris, Michele, and Foram can pick up the order. Tony and Mark volunteered to head the plant sale. The plant sale will be on Saturday, May 6th and on Sunday, May 7th from 10 am - 1 pm both days. We noted that we will sell keys (and honey) in the front garden on Saturday, May 6th from 11 am - 12 pm.
6. Soil Amendments: We voted on having our soil amendments delivered on Saturday, April 29th. Cat will again confirm our delivery date and place our order with Hicks Nurseries. Foram will liaise with Annie and the lawn team about specific needs for the front garden beyond soil, mulch, and compost.
7. April Volunteer Day: We agreed to have our first CCG Volunteer Day of the season to coincide with our soil amendments delivery on Saturday, April 29th. Annie Chadwick already agreed to lead the Volunteer Day. We discussed having food for volunteers. Cat will coordinate w/Annie re: refreshments for first Volunteer Day.
8. 9<sup>th</sup> ave food fair: Cat to fill out and submit the form for 9<sup>th</sup> ave food festival, to be held may 21 and 22, before its deadline date.
9. Signage on Front Gate: Our policy is that we don't allow pets. We discussed a more permanent solution for covering incorrect text on the current sign to read: "No pets allowed with the exception of working service dogs." Lisa will follow up w/Bob of Garden Hardware about this.
10. Deadlines for Grants/Support: We discussed the two grants from which we normally receive support and what we request.. NY Community Trust already issued their annual support for \$7450, will be deposited by Chris
11. Honey: We will sell our 2022 honey (most recent batch) as soon as it is returned to the shed. Veanne will reach out to gardeners who stored jars during the winter.
12. Ruth's Memorial Service: We discussed ordering a brick to place on the garden pathway for Ruth. Lisa will follow up on ordering the brick. Committee to hold a memorial

- service for Ruth in the garden, in the upcoming months.
14. Key Sales: We didn't sell keys on Saturday, April 1st. Mark and Tony sold keys on Tuesday, April 4th, and raised \$385.00 in sales and donations. Homar will deposit money received from April sale.
  15. Volunteer(s) Needed for Maintenance Tasks: Foram enlisted our help in spreading the word that we need new volunteer(s) to lead on basic maintenance tasks in the CCG.
  16. Victoria's Nursery Order: We need to use our credit with Victoria's in Paramus. We discussed ordering tools and having a Steering Committee field trip to Victoria's to use our credit (or having the order delivered, if possible. Lisa will follow up on details w Victoria's.
  17. Chris will follow up with Garden Hardware about the possibility of getting our existing tools sharpened.
  18. Treasurer's Report: Chris shared the annual 2022 and March 2023 report. Foram will reach out to our bank and have the new CCG officers added as authorized check signees. We intend to hold an audit this year
  19. Plot Committee: Lisa will help get the volunteer tasks identified from the plot forms, and also with assigning new plots.

Meeting adjourned: 9:18 pm