

## **Clinton Community Garden Steering Committee minutes**

Venue: Sesamo

Date: 3 December 2024, 7pm.

Present: Homar Barcena, Andrew Begg, Naomi Haber, Clarence Klugh, Catherine Lafferty, Mauricio Marron, Richard O'Brien, Tatiana Pena, Nicole Siani.

Absent: John MacKay.

The December Steering Committee meeting was an informal brainstorming meeting held over dinner.

The Committee welcomed Catherine Lafferty, who was elected by acclamation to fill a vacant seat in the Committee.

### 1) Action Items

1. Find a source for wood and labor (NYC Parks may have wood available)
2. Complete bylaws by February
3. Revise key holder agreement (create a smaller pocket version)
4. Send out renewal letters in January
  - Revise the letters
  - Make waitlist and swaps transparent
  - Clarify subletting terms

### 2) Funding and Resources

Investigate funding for sidewalk replacement

- Contact Green Thumb for assistance
- Discuss with City DOT
- Reach out to Eric B., City Council member for Hell's Kitchen

### 3) Composting project

- Naomi to contact sustainability expert in California for insights
- Research Green Thumb resources for composting

#### 4) Garden Planning:

##### 1. Hicks Street Garden

- Revise planting order before formal submission
- Consider planting clover
- Plan a field trip to the site
- Schedule a consultation for planting suggestions near benches
- Review minutes on bench planting decisions
- Enforce front bed maintenance

##### 2. General Garden Improvements

- Refer to previous minutes for bench planting decisions

#### 5) Community Engagement

##### 1. Garden merchandise

- Organize a t-shirt design contest
- Incorporate community garden logo

##### 2. New member onboarding

- Provide drive access to new garden members