

Clinton Community Garden Steering Committee minutes

Venue: Fountain House and Zoom

Date: 2 September 2025, 7pm

Present: Clarence Klugh, Richard O'Brien, Tatiana Pena

Absent: Andrew Begg,

1) Orchestra Garden Performance Fundraiser

The group discussed hosting an orchestra performance in the garden, with a \$268 rehearsal space fee and a \$250 performance fee. They agreed to cover the rehearsal space cost and allow the orchestra to collect donations from the public, while also making a \$250 donation themselves. The discussion touched on the garden's ability to host events and the importance of supporting the arts in the community.

2) Future garden events and activities planning

The meeting focused on planning upcoming events and activities for the garden. They discussed an indigo dying workshop with Rachel, setting a budget of \$275, and agreed to follow up with her about supplies. The group also considered organizing a modern dance performance and explored the idea of having elders share their gardening history. Clarence mentioned seeing an increase in indigo-themed art at the Armory show, suggesting it may become a trend.

3) Green Thumb visit planning

The group discussed an upcoming Green Thumb visit scheduled for September 20th, clarifying that it would focus on the planned repairs to the wall of the building on the east side of the garden, rather than the garden itself. The Committee agreed to wait until after the walkthrough to send updates to the membership when more information is known.

The Committee also discussed the need to address rat mitigation issues and the possibility of future mural projects on the neighboring building, emphasizing the importance of understanding the structural requirements before proceeding.

4) Plot maintenance and communication protocols

The Committee discussed issues with garden plot maintenance and communications to plot holder. They agreed to follow the established protocol for addressing unattended plots, which involves giving a final warning before reassignment. The Chair will send a notice to a member who hasn't been maintaining their plot, and Naomi suggested checking with Andrew about the specific protocol steps. The committee also aligned on sending out emails about upcoming events, including the orchestra performance, and decided to create a poster for the bulletin board to reach members who don't regularly check emails.