

Clinton Community Garden Steering Committee minutes

Venue: Sesamo

Date: 2 December 2025, 7pm

Present: Andrew Begg, Catherine Lafferty, Mauricio Maron, Tatiana Pena, Nicole Siani

Absent: Homar Barcena, Naomi Haber, Clarence Klugh, Richard O'Brien,

1) Front bed reimbursement

The Committee agreed to a request for reimbursement for bulb purchases for the front garden.

2) By-Laws

The Record Keeper briefed the Committee on the final revision to the draft by-laws amendments. A new Annex has been proposed codifying the allocation of front garden beds. The draft procedures are based on the past practice of the Committee, which has been captured in an email template in use in previous years. Some additional provisions have also been added to make the Annex consistent with the first Annex on rear plot allocations, and also to recognize the unique nature of the front garden.

The Committee agreed with the Annex as drafted. The Committee requested, however, an addition to specify the selection of the front bed coordinator, as well as other coordinators, because the by-laws are otherwise silent on these important roles.

The Committee agreed that the draft amendments should be sent to the garden membership for a final review, before adoption.

3) Composting

The Committee noted that it had approved by email prior to the meeting the installation of new composting bins by the Composting Committee. The Steering Committee noted that the bins had been installed already. The Steering Committee agreed to congratulate the Composting Committee for its fast action to secure the new bins within a tight deadline for their availability, and getting them installed at short notice.

4) Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented his monthly report via email. The only transactions for November were honey sales.

5) Missed meetings

The Steering Committee agreed to waive the by-laws rule requiring Committee members to step down if they have missed three consecutive meetings, noting that Committee members have been proactive in attending by zoom where possible, as well as submitting video presentations and documents for meetings even while absent.

6) Back garden key

The Committee agreed by email prior to the meeting to provide a back garden key to a member of the Compost Team who does not have a rear plot, so they can access the compost bins. The Committee agreed, with a request that they are also provided with a copy of the back garden rules.