

**Manhattan Community Garden  
Minutes of September 7, 2011 Board meeting**

Present: Dick Green, Ron Downey, Pat Butler, Linda Teener, Erika Huber, Kruger Bryant, Leila Maurmann and Dale Stearns.

Dick called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The minutes of the August Board meeting were discussed. There are possible corrections. Dale asked Ron to review the corrections that Cybil had submitted. Approval of the August minutes will be deferred to the October meeting. Linda presented the Treasurer's report. Pat moved, Ron seconded and the motion to accept the Treasurer's report carried.

Committee Reports:

Dick gave the Equipment Committee report stating \$110 in expenses was supplies for the August workday.

Pat reported for the Grounds Maintenance and Tilling Committee that the mowing volunteers have been fairly consistent for the summer.

Ron reported for Safety and Rules Committee and distributed the edits and additions to the rules. These will be discussed later in this meeting.

Dick reported regarding the September 10<sup>th</sup> workday. Cybil has emailed reminders to the volunteers. Dick has prepared a list of workday chores. There will be 10 KSU students participating as part of the National Day of Service. Leila will be coordinating the workday and the social. Extra food will be helpful for the social since it includes the KSU student volunteers.

Dick reported on Compost and Mulch indicating that compost is needed however the City trucks aren't available to haul it. Other hauling options were discussed. There are no plans for any additional hay or wood chips this year.

The final newsletter was discussed. The Board suggested to Erika that she plan for a mid-October newsletter with the hope that more information will be available to share with gardeners regarding the 2012 gardens.

Dale reported for the Records Committee indicating that he needs the names of the volunteers who participated in the August workday and will need the names of the volunteers from the upcoming September workday and social.

Dale also reported on CROP stating that he will attend the September 13<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting and will provide information to the gardeners through the weekly email news.

Old Business:

Leila has filled the Board position vacated by Susan Oviatt. Kruger has accepted the Board position vacated by Chris Feit. The Board looks forward to working with these new members.

There was discussion on Board candidates to fill vacancies in 2012. Max Urick is definitely interested. Dick has asked several other gardeners and seeks to have a balance of age and gender on the Board if possible. All the current Board members were asked to consider gardeners to recommend.

Ron explained the process for the rules revisions and discussed the document that he distributed. Ron asked that the Board review and submit any additions or corrections to the rules. Ron will email an electronic copy of the revised rules to each Board member and ask for a response in September. He will bring the rule revisions to the October Board meeting for an approval vote.

Dick distributed a copy of the Community Garden By-Laws for the benefit of the new Board members and also to discuss possible changes. No action was taken.

New Business:

Linda explained her plans to send an electronic survey to the gardeners to gather information about their satisfaction with the Community Garden program and operation. She plans to use this data to address complaints that may be unwarranted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Stearns

New Business:

The Board reviewed a written complaint submitted by Jenny Chang. Upon review the Board determined that the complaint items from five years ago had been dealt with at that time. The current issue regarding whether she adequately fulfilled her volunteer responsibility for mowing was considered. The Board determined that she has fulfilled her mowing responsibility. Linda will write a follow-up letter to Jenny.

The Board has an opening with the resignation of Susan Oviatt, who is spending her growing seasons in New Mexico. Possible nominees for the open position were discussed. Erika will approach a nominee that she recommends. Other nominees are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Stearns