

Manhattan Community Gardens
Minutes of [August 7, 2013](#), Board Meeting

Present: Ron Downey, Leila Maurmann, J. David Mattox, Cybil Perkins, Max Urick, Jen Campbell, Kruger Bryant, Pat Butler, and Linda Teener.

Leila called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the UFM meeting room.

Time was provided for prior Board minutes to be read. Cybil had two corrections. Ron moved approval of the minutes, Pat seconded and the motion carried.

Linda gave the Treasure's report and it was discussed in detail. The report included multiple equipment repairs. The gardens are in good financial standing with the majority of the expenses of the year already taken care of. J. David moved approval of the report, Ron seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Compost: no report

Newsletter: Leila reported the fall newsletter will be mailed out at the beginning of October.

Tilling: no report

Correspondence: Cybil reported reminders for the August workday were sent out. The majority of other emails were regarding fulfilling service or rescheduling service.

Riley Lane: Ron sent an email to all Riley gardeners regarding weeds and reminding gardeners to be diligent with garden maintenance with the rainy weather recently.

Long Range: Ron noted there will be a meeting the following week. It will be the first meeting of all the sub committees to discuss proposed projects.

Records: Kruger reported workday participants numbers.

Garden Show: no report

Rules and Safety: no report

2014 Plot Registration: Jen is working towards finalizing dates for the garden registration. There was discussion on new ideas for registration.

Public Relations: no report

Collins Lane: Max reported a high level of maintenance this month especially in high traffic areas such as pathways and roadways.

Old Business

A solution to fill the low areas of the roadways at Collins has still not been reached. J. David and Pat are pursuing options from the City or St. Thomas Moore.

The shed at Collins lane has been moved to its new location.

The fall workdays were finalized to avoid traffic from football game days. The dates are [September 7](#), [October 5](#), and [November 9](#).

Dean and Ron reported the July workday was a success with many tasks around the gardens being accomplished.

There were over 30 gardeners in attendance for Dr. Rhonda Janke's presentation at the gardens. Topics of soil and plant health were discussed and seeds for over wintering cover crops were passed out.

The raised beds that were constructed at Riley are a work in progress. The beds have been constructed, filled and planted. Access to the garden plot for wheelchairs will be addressed as soon as there is a need for improved paths.

New Business

August workday is this coming [Saturday](#) at Riley Lane. There is a low number of participants for this month.

There will be 4 vacancies left by departing board members at the end of the year. The nominating committee will consist of Ron, Cybil, and Max.

It was the general consensus to have the first new and first returning gardener registrations at Pottorff Hall, then the remaining registrations at the UFM.

Ron volunteered to assist Leila with the September workday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm through a motion made by Ron, it was seconded by J. David and the motion carried.