

Manhattan Community Gardens

Minutes of June 5, 2013, Board Meeting

Present: Leila Maurmann, Ron Downey, Dean Zollman, Cybil Perkins, Max Urick, Kruger Bryant and Jen Campbell.

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

Time was provided for prior Board minutes to be read. Ron moved approval of the corrected minutes, Cybil seconded, and the motion carried. The corrected May minutes included the Port-a-Potty, Collins and Riley Trash pick-up information, and the May word day report.

The Treasurer's report was provided in Linda's absence. Kruger moved approval of the report, Ron seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Compost & Mulch-Max noted hay bale supplies are getting low. There was a consensus to wait until supplies diminish from west side of Riley gardens before purchasing the minimum of three more bales.

Newsletter-Leila reported that the Summer newsletter will be sent out later this week.

Tilling- no report

Equipment- Mower training is in progress. A number of equipment repairs have taken place from straightening mower wheels to new cables and belts. All equipment is currently operational.

Correspondence-Cybil reported approximately 240 gardeners and/or community members receive the e-newsletter.

Riley Lane-Ron noted Riley gardens are in good condition. The Board determined plots with no evidence of work done to them, plots 111 and 115, will be confiscated. Chuck Marr has volunteered to work plot 61 with the intention of all produce being donated to the breadbasket.

Collins Lane Long Range Planning-Ron reported there had been a meeting on June 3. The committee is currently in the process of selecting projects. At the July 8 meeting, the committee plans on assigning projects to be completed.

Records-Kruger noted there are 183 garden plots total. One half plot remains available at Collins.

Garden show- no report

Rules and Safety- no report

Plot registration 2014- no report

Public Relations- no report

Collins Lane- Max reported that poison ivy is taking over some sections of the perimeter of the garden and shared a plan of action to rid the garden areas of poison ivy.

Old Business

Leila is putting together a list of board officers and committee chair job descriptions and will distribute at a later date.

Cybil purchased 5 hoses from Sam's club and has placed them in the shed at Riley lane.

The board discussed issues that came arose during the May workday. There was a motion by Cybil to purchase a string trimmer for Riley lane and was seconded by Ron and the motion carried. There was a motion by Cybil to have equipment committee assess the number of garden forks at each garden and possibly purchase more and was seconded by Dean and the motion carried. Tomato cage construction was a success and there have been requests from gardeners to make more during the June workday.

New business

The Riley June workday and social activities were discussed.

Ron reported there is a group willing to undertake the raised garden bed project. The group needs help with setup and construction on garden boxes, but once those are in place they will oversee the project. A motion by Ron to purchase materials to build a garden box was seconded by Dean and the motion carried.

Leila reported there is a tree on the east side of Collins garden that has been requested to be removed. A motion to get the opinion of J David on the matter before any further progress be made was seconded by Kruger and the motion carried.

KSU requested to take soil samples from Riley Lane. Kruger motioned the request could be granted with the condition that the data from the samples is available for the gardeners, Ron seconded and the motion carried.

Through consensus the Board decided to make tomatoes cages during the June workday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm through a motion made by Leila, seconded by Ron and the motion carried.