

Manhattan Community Gardens
Minutes of April 2, 2014, Board Meeting

Present: Leila Maurmann, Linda Teener, John Drach, Kruger Bryant, Max Urick, J. David Mattox, Dean Zollman, Meagan Duever, Carol Barta, Dale Hayden, Andrew Kaberline, and Jen Campbell.

Leila called the meeting to order at 5:29 at the UFM meeting room.

John moved approval of the minutes, Dean seconded, and the motion carried.

Linda gave the treasurer's report. Expenses have been accumulating with the basic essentials for the gardens including bills, plot refunds and equipment maintenance. The MCG unexpectedly received a \$1000.00 grant from the Darden Foundation. This money will go towards a purchase of a new mower for the Collins Lane gardens. Jen moved approval of the report, John seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Tilling: Dale reported that currently 38 plots have been tilled. The committee is waiting on an additional four plots to be cleaned before they can be tilled.

Public Relations: Small discussion took place on how to increase awareness of the MCG and also how to spread word about available plots.

Equipment: John reported the purchase of a new mower was successful. Existing equipment had to be transferred before the mower could be housed in one of the sheds. Much discussion was had on the topic of what to do with the small tillers that keep malfunctioning/breaking.

Long Range: All sub-committee reports have been handed to Ron with the intention of the Board hearing proposals during the May meeting.

Correspondence: Meagan reported that she is still trying to solve the issue of some individuals not receiving the emails.

Newsletter: No report.

Riley Lane: The garden is currently in order and a task list has been comprised for the workday.

Collins Lane: There is also a task list for these gardens for the workday.

Nominations: No report.

Compost: Max reported there is little change this month. There will be a delivery from the dairy barn at a later date. There was a small discussion as to whether or not discarded debris piles should be created since gardeners have been improperly disposing of their garden debris.

Old Business

Community Garden Conference July 8, 2014- Chuck Marr has requested help from the gardeners by leading tours through both garden sites and also hold mini workshops.

Tree trimming Collins lane- J. David is using his resources to work with Max to trim tree limbs

encroaching over plots.

Additional Hydrants for Riley Lane- J. David is overseeing the installation of one to three additional hydrants on the north side of the Riley gardens.

New Business:

Grants/Donations: The MCG received a \$1000.00 grant from the Darden Foundation through the Olive Garden Restaurant.

There will be a garden work day on April 5, with the coordinators being John and Max.

The men of Kappa Sigma will be having a day of service, April 6, at the Riley lane Gardens.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 with a motion made by Max, Dean seconded, and the motion carried.