

Manhattan Community Gardens
Minutes of February 12, 2014 Board Meeting

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

Leila called the meeting to order at 5:32pm at the UFM meeting room.

Time was provided for the prior Board minutes to be read. Max moved approval of the minutes, Dean seconded, and the motion carried.

Linda gave the treasurer's report and it was discussed. Linda reported only a few minor expenses have been spent this year with a few deposits being reimbursed to departing gardeners. Max moved approval of the report, Carol seconded, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Mulch and Compost: Max gave a brief summary of when, where, and how we get compost and mulch to the two garden sites for the new board members.

Tilling: No report.

Equipment: No report.

Correspondence: Meagan reported the email lists are up to date.

Riley: There was discussion of a time line when extra hydrants might be installed.

Collins: No report.

Plot Registration: There was discussion of altering the duration of registrations for next year. The second and third registration sessions will be cut to one hour.

Records: Leila reported there are currently 139 gardeners. Riley lane has 18 plots available to rent and Collins lane has 7 and a half available.

Public Relations: Carol reported that due to the time sensitivity of grant applications, we should be better prepared to apply for ones that the gardens qualify for.

Long Range Planning: A committee proposal was discussed in new business.

Garden Show: Dean has filled all the volunteer slots for the show.

Newsletter: The newsletter will be ready for distribution the second week of March.

Nominations: No report.

Old Business: No reports

New Business:

Fellow garden Jeanne Squires attended the meeting to discuss the raised bed project on plot #73 at Riley Lane. The inaugural gardening season last year was a success. To due the growing number of participants, Jeanne has a goal to add more raised beds this year. Supplies and labor for construction need to be provided by the gardens or from an external donation.

Fellow board and long range planning committee member, Carol Barta, presented a proposal to establish an orchard at Collins Lane. This was the first of many proposals the board will hear in order to determine what to do with the remaining acreage at Collins Lane.

The meeting adjourned at 6:31pm by a motion made by Max, Linda seconded, and the motion carried.