

Manhattan Community Garden Monthly Board Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2016, 5:30-7:00pm, UFM Fireplace Room

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by Dale Hayden, president

Present: Dale Hayden, Steve Williams, Travis Kummer, Linda Teener, Deane Lehmann, Jay Guarneri, Patrick McLaughlin, Gary Schwandt, Susan Schoneweis, Elias Martinson, Bob Pfannenstiel.

Absent with regrets: Cheryl Arthur

Absent: Carol Barta

January Minutes not received. Tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: See submitted report.

#### Committee Reports

Records: Guarneri reported registration information was entered and database is up to date. Still have 40 plots available.

Tilling: Williams requested clarification regarding tilling for returning gardeners requesting tilling if their plots are not cleaned off. (*And the answer was?*)

Public Relations: Guarneri reminded members to review survey and provide feedback. Guarneri, Martinson, and Barta gave talk at the last Farmers Market. A few people expressed interest. An attendee asked if the gardens had been tested for heavy metals. (Teener confirmed testing at board meeting.)

Equipment: Hayden has been looking at mowers. May wait until more stores have mowers on display to make decision.

Riley Coordinator: Kummer reported all quiet at Riley.

Collins Coordinator: Pfannenstiel reported slight activity at Collins.

Nominations: N/A

Newsletter: Schoneweis requested clarification on dates. According to Teener, the dates are not specific.

Correspondence: Martinson is updating email addresses. Nothing to report regarding social media.

Compost/Mulch: N/A

Social Organizer: N/A

#### Old Business

Riley Lane – Fence on neighboring plot: Resolved. Teener informed concerned party of Board decision to suggest allowing other gardener to retain temporary possession long enough to harvest, in return concerned party would be given reduced fee on plot. Concerned party agreed to suggestion.

Update on 2015 pesticide incident: Chuck Marr agreed to work on it. Needs information from UFM. Teener will inform staff.

Weekly newsletter: Chuck Marr agreed to continue writing newsletter.

Registrations: Up to date.

Windbreak at Collins: Committee recommends a single row of Red Cedar, one every 20-30 feet.

#### New Business

Board member sign up for work day coordinator: See related email.

Social/potluck attendance by non-workers (do they or do they not need to bring a dish?). Board agreed to continue with current system of inviting, but not requiring non-workers to bring a dish.

Violation letters: need to develop. Lehmann, McLaughlin, and Schoneweiss volunteered to create a draft.

Other:

Teener reminded board of need for written plan for Collins sheds in event of a flood (per FEMA).

Teener handed out flyers for people to post announcing garden sign up.

Kummer suggested getting on garden walk/garden tour list.

Guarneri suggested open house.

Discussed possibility of another sign up in March due to large number of available plots.

Discussed possibility of using empty plots to grow food for underserved (Bread Basket, MESA, church efforts).

Discussed possibility of developing a underserved community plot, with maintenance qualifying as work assignment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

Deane Lehmann, Recorder