

**Manhattan Community Garden
Minutes of May 4, 2011 Board meeting**

Present: Dick Green, Ron Downey, Cybil Perkins, Chris Feit, Pat Butler, Linda Teener, Erika Huber, Susan Oviatt, and Dale Stearns.

Dick called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The minutes of the May 18th Special Board meeting were reviewed. Ron moved, Pat seconded and the motion to approve the minutes carried. Linda presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that the supply budget line has been overspent. It is not a problem since other budget lines are under spent. Dale moved, Ron seconded and the motion to accept the Treasurer's report carried.

Committee Reports:

Dick gave the Equipment Committee report stating that he had a few small expenses. The equipment as a whole is holding up well. Chris Fontenot monitored equipment in May and David Hicks will be monitoring equipment in June. There are needs for the repair of hoses.

Pat reported for the Grounds Maintenance and Tilling Committee that all tilling is complete and the volunteers are completing that mowing.

Ron reported for Safety and Rules that the rules amendment process remains on hold pending more information about next year's garden arrangements. Plot 51 in the north garden is not being tended and is considered an abandoned plot. Ron has sent violation warnings on several other plots. The proposed rule changes will move up action dates by one month to more quickly act on abandoned plots.

Cybil reported that reminders for the volunteers about the June 4th social and workday have been sent and the invitation for the social has been sent to all gardeners. Pat and Dick will be coordinating the event. Tomato cage building will be part of the social.

Chris reported for the Compost and Mulch Committee that he plans to order 2 rolls of hay to be used for garden mulch.

Erika has been assembling articles for the June newsletter and has a mid-June target for publishing and mailing.

Dale prepared a CROP Walk article for the June newsletter indicating the level of pledges for 2011 and comparing it to 2010.

Chris is now managing the garden records database.

Old Business:

The proposed revised rules will go on the agenda for the July meeting.

Dick identified the following workday chores for Saturday June 4th: wood chip on paths in the north gardens, clear abandoned plot 51 and repairs to the stone parking area on the south side.

New Business:

The Board discussed the draft letter to be sent to all gardeners noting the issue with Howie's plans to purchase the north gardens from the City and the Board's recommended actions in response. The finalized letter will be mailed by early next week. A special membership meeting to discuss the matter with gardeners is planned for Sunday, June 12th at 4:00 p.m. at the gardens.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 6th at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dale Stearns