

**Manhattan Community Gardens  
Minutes of December 5, 2012, Board Meeting**

Present: John Rodgers, J David Mattox, Ron Downey, Pat Butler, Jenn Campbell, Cybil Perkins, Linda Teener, Leila Maurmann, Krugar Bryant, and John Drach.

Pat called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm at Radina's meeting room. Pat extended thanks to past board members Dale Stearns and Dick Green. Pat welcomed new board members Jenn Campbell, J David Mattox, Dean Zollman, and John Drach. Pat also requested the new board members to say a few words about themselves. Pat also asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Annual Meeting and Monarch Butterfly items were added as old business. Location of compost pile and Riley Lane leases were added as new business.

Minutes for the October board meeting and the November annual meeting were distributed via email. Cybil moved approved, Linda seconded, and motion carried.

Linda gave the Treasurer's report. Linda noted the UFM support services percentage had been reduced for the report. It was discussed the amount of money to hold in Reserves will be further discussed in the future when more money is available. Ron moved acceptance of the report, John R seconded, and motion carried.

Election of Officers was conducted. Ron nominated John R for president, seconded by J David, all were in favor. John D nominated Leila for vice-president, seconded by Linda, all were in favor. Cybil nominated John D for secretary, seconded by Pat, all were in favor.

John R extended thanks to J David and the city crews for the work completed on Collins Lane for the second acre expansion. Tree removal, stump grinding, soil movement, and water installation were all completed in a very timely fashion.

**Committee Reports**

Equipment-Dick Green through John R reported the equipment year end maintenance was completed with thanks expressed to all that assisted. All equipment is operational.

Grounds Maintenance & Tilling-Pat reported all requested tilling is up to date and the names of those assisting were given to Kruger. Painting of sheds on Collins Lane has been completed, and the well house has been insulated.

Correspondence-Cybil noted hundreds of emails were sent regarding people completing work assignments. Some record corrections were necessary. Those people not completing the work assignments were reviewed by the board for accuracy. Ron agreed to contact one gardener. People giving up or changing garden plots has also created email traffic along with 2013 garden plot registration.

Newsletter-Leila reported the last newsletter was sent in November and the spring one will be sent in March.

Crop Walk-Dale Stearns through correspondence reported that in 2012 we had 66 gardeners donate a total of \$577. The gardeners are the top fundraising team for the CROP Walk in Manhattan.

Compost & Mulch-Max Urick through correspondence reported 50 small square straw bales were delivered to Collins Lane for storage. Cost \$165.00 including delivery. John R has covered the bales with protective plastic to help guard against rot/mold/mildew. We did a dairy barn compost delivery with 2 truck loads were delivered to the Riley Lane 9th street site and 4 loads to Collins Lane site. One load was placed in the north bin and three loads to the south central stockpile. This is half of what we wanted to get delivered. Some problems were encountered but the city drivers were terrific once again. We are indeed fortunate to have these young men help us and a very sincere thank you to the city for making this possible. The hope is to have at least two more truck loads delivered to Riley and 6 more truck loads delivered to Collins before spring.

Rules & Safety-Ron noted no report for December.

Records-Kruger reported he is in the process of developing an Access database to use track people completing work assignments. Kruger reported that he and Leila will be responsible for the 2013 registration. Other Board members will assist. Cybil suggested that one person needs to keep the records but updates should be presented to Board members.

Riley Lane-John R reported all lots look good. The water is still on and will remain on until the cold weather dictates turning it off. It was noted plot 76 needs attention and Ron stated he would follow up on it. Pat noted additional water hydrants are needed on Riley Lane for the east garden. J David agreed to contact the city offices since those are Manhattan water lines. Cybil moved that we propose at least 2 additional water hydrants for this east garden. Pat seconded it and motion carried.

Collins Lane- John R reported all lots look good. The new tillers and shredder work great. Cybil noted the shredder on Riley Lane does not work well and needs to be replaced. John R reported the shredder on Collins Lane is portable and he planned to complete shredding of materials on Riley Lane the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Cybil agreed to email all Riley Lane gardeners informing them to have all material for shredding stacked in piles along the walkways by December 10<sup>th</sup>. John R the second acre is ready to go and the walkways will have the wood chips placed on them the first workday. The port-a-potties will be returned in February or March depending on the weather.

Collins Lane Long Range Planning-John R requested that Ron take the full responsibility for this effort. Ron reported there are two sub committees working. One committee made up of 8 gardeners are charged with coming up with ideas to report to the planning committee in March. The other sub committee is the planning committee made up of gardeners and experts.

2013 Planning-John R, Cybil and Leila reported the new registration is ready to go. It is organized and should be more efficient as a flow plan has been established. Dates for returning gardeners are Dec 12<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm) and Jan 8<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm). Dates for new gardeners are Jan 27<sup>th</sup> (3-5pm), Feb 4<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm) and Feb 27<sup>th</sup> (6-8pm).

#### Board Positions

The board positions were noted:

Compost Chair-Max

Newsletter Chair-Leila

Tilling Committee Chair-Pat, John D will help

Equipment Committee Chair-John D, J David will help

Correspondence Chair-Cybil

Riley Lane Coordinator (assure mowing is done)-Ron, Dean will help

Collins Lane Coordinator (assure mowing is done)-John R, Leila will help  
Records Chair-Kruger and Leila  
Garden Show Chair-Dean, Max will help  
Rules & Safety Committee (Riley and Collins)-Ron and J David  
Plot Registration Committee-Jenn  
Public Relations/Outreach Committee-Jenn, Krugar helping  
2013 (Growth) Planning Committee-John R, Leila, Cybil, and Jenn  
Collins Lane Long Range Planning-Ron

#### Old Business

Pat noted the annual meeting held on Nov 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success. It was a large turnout of gardeners. John R obtained numerous items to give away which was fun.

Leila noted Collins Lane has been approved as a Monarch butterfly way station. An area for milkweed plantings is being considered.

#### New Business

It was noted Riley Lane lot 66 needs additional consideration for the compost pile

It was noted the City Commission will be considering the Riley Lane leases on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Pat and John R agreed to go with Linda to this City Commission meeting.

The next meeting will be on January 9 at Radina's, optional social at 5:15 with the meeting beginning at 5:30. Ron moved the meeting be adjourned, Pat seconded it and the motion passed.