

Project Grow Board Minutes for September 8, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at Leslie Science Center.

Present: Eric, Kirk, Dave, Marcella, Lucas, Ralph

Sharon Fay, gardener at Airport Garden and Joet Reoma from the Project Grow Compost Education Center

Sharon has gardened at Airport for one year. She wants Airport to remain open next year. Must have raised beds on north side to prevent flooding. She will consider moving to County Farm if she can get a perennial.

Minutes: approve the minutes from August.

Director's Report discussion:

West Park water issues

Beckley Park at least a year away

Greenview expansion

Greenview resizing- gardens will remain the same size and there will be an explanation to gardeners about such.

Organizational Business:

November 13, 2011 is the retreat 10:00 A.M. at Eric Meves home.

We may need to streamline an assistant for Kirk.

Insurance – waivers won't really protect us. Three policies: Commercial property \$5000 per accident for volunteers. How do we handle and make a claim an injury of volunteer? Why do we bother with waivers?

Workers Comp. – Kirk covered,

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance costs \$850 or so per year.

Airport – Sharon can stay at no cost without water, although she does not seem interested in doing so. What if others want to stay? We will inform Matt K from the city of our decision to close Airport to gardeners, but leave it open for special projects, although there will be no water source.

Tomato Tasting for Homegrown Festival– short supply this year of tomatoes

We have enough volunteers for tasting

There will be a kids activity area with paintings and leaves

Volunteers:

Joette compost center

Lucas ready for a break – need to distribute work and maintain momentum

Marketing:

Seed packets will be redone. Quarter sheet flyer is done. Some volunteers working on grant ideas. Board retreat – work on ideas.

Seed bombs being tested.

Water agreement with AAPS at \$100 per site – six sites. Randy Trent asked for a memorandum of agreement, but hasn't pushed on it.

Discussion of who will run for board in October at annual meeting at the Leslie Nature House.

Need to notify members by mail of annual meeting. Eric and Kirk will work on that. Cindy may have postcard ready.

Karl wants to extend season by one week at County Farm.

West Park and Chapel Hill request for extending season. Kirk will confirm date.

Eric wonders about paid workers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.