

Project Grow Board Minutes

May 5th, 2022

Zoom

Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Board members present:

Royer Held

Joe Schutte

W. Scott Richardson

Sharon Fay

Joanie Stovall

Dave Corsa

Joet Reoma

Marcella Trautmann

Dan Noble

also: Kirk Jones: Managing Director,

Absent:, Jesse Raudenbush,

Meeting started at 7:08PM

April board minutes approved

Managing Director's Report (copied directly from the report with comments included in red)

Community Gardens

Registration is essentially complete. We have confirmed 456 gardeners. A couple times this week someone canceled and we contacted people from the waitlist. Little shuffles like this will continue until the first week of June when some spots will open because registered gardeners failed to start. Unfortunately, by that time many people on the waitlist have made other plans.

Opening Gardens

All sites were tilled at 2:30 Thursday 5/12 except Scio and I expect Scio will be done today, too. **Scio is tilled.**

West Park

Joanie and I will meet with site coordinator Dom Bouavichith to help with stake out. If we ever get a long term site coordinator at West Park, we can maybe get out of helping with this, but maybe not. We might manage to do the stake out Friday morning but if we can't, the next possibility is Sunday May 15th.

Once staked, all the material for the fence, plus hoses and tools need to be moved from Airport. Joanie and I can meet some people out there to identify stuff to move. I will move the hoses and tools, but think others should move the stakes, gates and fencing since I won't be around to do it next year.

The city requires that our gardens have a uniform fence. Eric asked me if we could see if the city would allow the gardeners to do their own fencing at West Park so we could get out of this job.

Given how hard it is to drive stakes into the ground at West Park, I don't think this will work. We originally used the cheaper metal stakes that people use at County Farm and elsewhere and they all bent after a year or two and had to be thrown out. We now use the heavy duty t-stakes and it takes about 20 hits with a stake pounder to put one in. Anywhere else it takes 3-5 hits. The stakes are impossible to remove without a stake puller.

The soil itself is now pretty good. People grow everything at West Park, but underneath the soil, it is packed gravel. The fencing might not be able to get completed until the 21st.

Clague Update

A notice was posted at the garden site to notify gardeners of a May 1 meeting. Joanie and Jacob Kitzman, the site coordinator were present for the meeting along with two volunteers that could translate to Mandarin and Korean but none of the gardeners showed. We have subsequently translated the action plan and timeline into both Mandarin and Korean, sent these out to all the gardeners we had email addresses for and also mailed the notice out to each gardener. The timeline requires gardeners' plots to be in satisfactory condition by May 30. We will have volunteers onsite on May 29 for a

work day and will remove any remaining materials stored outside the plots. We need a dump trailer onsite from May 23 to May 30 and expect the cost to be around \$450 for the rental, delivery and garbage disposal.

The site has a wheelbarrow and some tools that do not fit into the shed that was rehabilitated last year using zip ties. The hoses spend the winter on the ground because there isn't any room on the small shed for them. The distance to the water supply and the aging gardener population may be contributing to the amount of plastic containers present inside the plots. It would be helpful to source alternate arrangements (larger water barrel with hose attachment) to help the gardeners through the season. The site needs some attention to the surrounding trees and shrubs that capture the garbage blown across the parking lot. We hope to address this at the work party and try to engage the grounds crew to maintain the trimming we're able to do.

The board authorized a volunteer work party to remove all items outside the fencing & tidy up. We will look at getting them a shed after we decide on the size.

Compost Delivery

Aldo has provided proof of insurance and has been cleared to deliver. The only requirement is that a site coordinator has to present. Service Road ONLY. For the "A" gardens a County Rep has to be present.

Plant Sale

Almost there. Advance orders are all filled and Joanie and I met with Inge today to take apart the advance order set up and prepare for the REAL set up Friday afternoon. I think we have enough people for Friday's setup - Cat Adams, Joanie, Kirk, KC Prasad and Pam.

Treasurer's Report

Eric, as a committee member, is handling the day-to-day operations. Dave, as Treasurer, is monitoring all of it.

50th Anniversary

Shirts are available. There will be shirts for the board, site coordinators, & board members at the plant sale. We will have a volunteer in charge of the shirts & other swag.

Gardener Potluck in July at Island Park. \$250 to reserve a pavilion. We have not reserved as of yet.

50th Anniversary Celebration will be on Aug 20th. Leslie will charge us \$250. We have 4 food trucks interested. We are using a promotional price of \$50 to reserve their spot.

Education Committee

2 classes had to be cancelled because not enough interest.

No info on the upcoming classes.

Scott & Joet attended a class for the Refugee Garden & gave a glowing report on it.

Plant Sale

Plant sale covered above.

Info Tech

No updates.

Marketing

Joanie & Joe want to increase our presence on social media. Joanie asked the board for help with events that we would like to promote.

Status of D&O insurance

Our liability insurance covers us from all accidents/injuries. Director's & Officer's insurance covers the board members are covered in case of legal action. A motion was raised & passed to purchase the

Discuss Fundraising

Some concern about how we use the donated money & some is earmarked. Dave assured us that we are tracking exactly how it is spent. It was suggested that using targeted "earmarks" for fundraising. PFC & Jack Johnson were discussed.

AA Farm and Garden volunteers

A motion was proposed & passed to purchase tickets for two board members to attend.

Other Business:

Flower Day

The Farmers Market invited us to Flower Day to have a table. Because of a lack of personnel, we had to decline.

Brochures

Sharon & Marcella were thanked for the hard work in producing the brochures.

Garden Site Tour

The idea of having a garden tour was brought up & was agreed we would do it. June 11 cover 4 sites.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM