



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

November 7, 2015

10:30 a.m., Library



Mission: To provide the community with the opportunity and means to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, to educate people about the benefits of gardening and cultivate a community of people committed to sustainable land use in our city.

MEETING ATTENDEES: See attached sign in sheet

Discussion: Chairperson Colin called the meeting to order at 10:40 and the following items were discussed and agreed to by the consensus of those present:

1. For the 2016 growing season:
 - a. Returning gardeners send applications to the City by December 15
 - b. City will advertise plots first week of January, 2016
 - c. New members may apply up to Feb 15
 - d. If there is a long waiting list, a second garden can be considered.
2. The beds shall all be cleaned out by the end of the calendar year or the plot holder may lose their status as a returning gardener in good standing
3. The City may assist with tilling beds in the spring. The City will provide a load of leaf-gro on site for any gardener to use to amend their soil
4. Soil fertility tests will be done by individual plot holder, Shelby will assist with getting tests
5. Tools seem to have stayed on the premises. One water barrel has a broken lid the City will address
6. Concern expressed that barrels were often empty. The City will add two additional water barrels for next year and more plot coordinators will help insure barrels are filled.
7. Concerns about issues with a couple plots
8. City will pull out the water meter ASAP so we can avoid fees over the winter and have it re-installed by March 4, 2016.
9. Jenn has agreed to return for more cooking classes in 2016. The last Thursday of the month seemed to work well, and is easy to communicate to the community. So for 2016, they will be June 30, July 28, August 25, and September 29 at 6:00PM. Related to these classes, discussed:
 - a. Having "work nights" before or after these classes for everyone. Consider adding some way of logging hours by gardeners so they can show that they gave four hours annually.
 - b. Having class for kids
 - c. Having produce giveaway
 - d. City will develop a flyer on this and post the dates for the public to attend as well

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10. The new permanent fence will be installed in 2015. Foundations for the pillars were excavated this week.
 - a. Gate should close automatically
 - b. Combination lock should be used and give everyone the combination. Combination should match the shed locks
 - c. Acceptable to add beds along fence for pollinators and beauty provided they are maintained.
11. Discussed improving outreach with community and Shawna and Janet will work on this. All were reminded of the garden's Facebook page.
12. Election: Per the by-laws, a two year term was established:
 - a. **Co-Leaders:** Colin, Shelby and Randy Oldham
 - b. **Secretary:** Kathleen O'Connell and Julie Grimm
 - c. **Plot Coordinators:** Sarah Miller, Eric Randy, Tyler, Margareth, and Wynonna
13. Would like to see class on organic control of pests. Shelby will coordinate

The meeting was adjourned at noon. The next meeting is scheduled for **March, 2016**

CC: All 2015 plot holders
Junior Mason
Rodney Tissue

Attachment: Sign in sheet

GARDEN MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 11/7/15

Place/Room: Downtown Library, Room 304 /
Community Garden

Name	Comments
1 Winona Horowitz	
2 Mary Beard	
3 Bob Kenneth	
4 Joanna Roscard	
5 Tyler Mart	
6 Leesa Mart	
7 Margaret Napoleon	
8 Shelly Higgins	
9 Julie G	
10 Junior Mason	
11 RODNEY TISSUE	
12 RANDY OLSON	
13 Sue Vanderveer	
14 Sarah Miller (for John Parkinson)	
15 Ginger & Eric Van Iderstine	
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