

Minutes

Meeting of the Hansberry Garden Board of Directors
February 20, 2020
At the home of Janet Peterman

Present: Kathy Miller, Claudia Ginnani, Janet Peterman, Kirk Raper, Hillary Van Anda, Dennis Barnebey

- A. Call to Order 6:31pm
- B. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of last meeting - approved
 - b. Approve agenda - approved
- C. President's report:
 - a. Fundraising: Gift from anonymous donor: \$8,000 for garden, \$4,000 for Kelly Green, Facebook fundraiser, ~\$1,100
 - b. 2020 Events: In talks with Joy Ike about concert series, dependent on further fundraising
 - c. Leadership development: looking among new(ish) members for leadership in fundraising, communications and for help on membership. More reliance on committees, less on board for carrying out everyday work
 - d. Spring Gathering: Attic Brewing Co. has offered its space for Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. - noon
 - e. Plant sale
- D. Treasurer's Report: moved to next meeting, Terry not in attendance
- E. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership
 - i. Report on member hours, decision on required hours for compost; being amended following contact with those who had not reported time spent.

Garden has 5 beds for city harvest; 39 beds for members. 2018-19 results:

- 0-4.9 hours = 16 households; 11 with 0 hours (1 new member)

Did members report all their hours? Better coordination by leaders to make sure all hours are collected is essential. In future, members who don't contribute time will not be invited back

- 5-9.9 hours = 4 households (1 new member)

- 10-14.9 = 5 households (3 new members)

- 15+ hours = 11 households (2 new members)

Suggestion to include new members who contributed hours above requirement to develop roles in committees, with support; mentoring new leadership.

- Total hours =915 hours. Probably under counted by 5-600 hours.
Ave = 23 hours
Median = 8.25 hours

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ii. Proposals and recommendations

- Change requirement to 10 hours/season (eliminate categories of how to contribute time.) .

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- Members are expected to attend the Spring

Gathering. If unable attend, they are expected to attend one of three orientation sessions (even returning members), to make sure new rules are understood. If unable to attend any of these, a conversation with Membership Chair would be necessary before planting can begin.

Wording/date updates being made on the Membership form online.

(Janet)

- Add "open hours" two hours/week on Saturday, 10-12 for community. Sign up sheet at Spring Gathering.

- Beds not planted by June 15th will forfeit their bed to waiting list, with \$25 of bed cost reimbursed or option of being a "supporting member" without a refund.

Committees: LUMP not meeting this year. Decision needed of whether take on another development phase by the entire Board.

-Remove finance committee from membership form list

-Composting team as part of Landscape and Maintenance

- Program/events committee to include specific ideas (i.e. potlucks, workshops, concerts, Fall festival, etc.)

- Request to make sure all documents and updates are on GoogleDrive for safekeeping.

All proposed changes approved

- b. Kelly Green Project: considering a new 501c3 - Friends and Family of Kelly School. Sen. Street conversation for possible state funds; PWD grant now in process (survey and design), additional programs being developed

F. Old Business:

a. Wheelchair Path: no progress yet; Kathy to follow up with Ramon

b. Water project: improvements at water outlet, trench for new line to sink, sink improvements, tree removal next to sink. Final costs being determined with follow up with Matt Malene (tree removal), Ray M (plumbing) and Ramon. (Claudia)

- c. Ortiz Driveway and tree removal: Kathy to check with Ramon. Talk to Tom about eventual responsibility going to Blanca, next door, after we clear out the driveway area.
- G. New Business:
- a. Votes on Membership proposals
 - b. Establishment of compost committee or task force: To be included as subcommittee of Landscape Comm.
 - c. Dates for Potlucks, Tend the Garden Days, further board meetings
 - Potlucks: Third Sat. of month beginning May through Sept.
 - Tend the Garden Days: second Sat. of month, beginning in April (except May - first Sat) through Oct.
 - Plant Sale: May 8th
 - Harvest festival: Oct. 17th
 - Spring Gathering Planning comm: Kathy, Claudia, Janet
 - Board Meetings: Claudia to send Doodle Poll for future dates

Adjourned 8:50