

Saco Community Garden  
Steering Committee Meeting Agenda  
Community Center, Room 203  
Thursday, June 20, 2019, 6:30

Present: Walter Buczacz, Joel Hersom, Karen Martel, Michelle Hiltz, Courtney Norris, Laurie Thompson, Peg Mills, Bertha Dawn

Joel Hersom called the meeting to order at 6:32

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Laurie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report- There is nothing new spending wise. The city auditor has sent a report. There are some questions regarding fees and interest that Peg is looking into through email.

Clynk- \$100.22 is currently in the account as of June 20, 2019.

**Volunteers-**

Compost- The screen is broken and needing repair. Bruce M is working on it. He is also in the process of creating a video explaining composting that will be posted on the website

Shed cleanup- It is underway. There has been good progress but there is still some odds and ends that are taking up space and need to be removed. There are bags of cement that have been in there for a few years that we do not have a need for. Peg will check with Ryan Sommer to see if the city has a use for it.

**Building projects-**

Lattice- We are considering using bamboo blinds as a method of blocking the sun on the shade porch rather than lattice. It was agreed that we would pursue this option with a budget of \$200.00. Peg made a motion to buy a bamboo shade not to exceed \$200.00, Karen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Plots- Peg will contact Moody's about moving forward with this project.

**Old Business-**

Hose spigot- The spigot has been rigged so that it is usable. This is a temporary fix and a new post is needed. The post had been previously replaced by a volunteer a year and a half ago. We have the go ahead from the city to fix it. Peg suggested getting a cedar post. Courtney

found a composite post from Lowe's for \$35. Bruce will pick up the post and arrange for it to be replaced.

### **New Business-**

Gardener of the Month- The gardener in plot 11, Harry Neilson, was voted gardener of the month this month.

We discussed options for rewarding those voted gardener of the month. A couple of ideas mentioned: 1.) giving a \$10 gift card 2.) a special drawing of winners at the annual meeting 3.) doing nothing additional

Unstarted gardens- There are two gardens that are not started yet, #29 and #43. Karen has contacted the gardeners. The gardener in plot #43 will not be able to garden this year and the plot will be reassigned. The gardener in plot #29 has also been contacted. They have begun clearing it out but it is still not planted.

Contacting other gardeners- Is there a good method of contacting other gardeners when there is a need (help with watering, volunteering communication)? There has been some apprehension about posting this information online. There will be a page added to the volunteer book where people can add their contact information if they choose to.

Ice cream social- We will extend an invite to the visual neighbors this year. Karen will make up flyers. It will be on July 10th. There is a budget of \$50-60. The business meeting will be from 6-6:30 and the ice cream social will start at 6:30. Michelle and Joel will be running the ice cream social.

There have been some dogs spotted in the garden. Peg has a no smoking, no pets sign at home that she will post at the garden.