

## Sylvan Ranch Community Garden Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes - Thursday, February 12th, at 6:30 pm via Zoom

### 1. Call to Order, 6:32 PM

Board: Ted, Steve, Nilgun, Patrick, Dan, Laura, Alex

Members: Debbie, Chuck

### 2. 8 minutes Public Comment Session regarding Agenda items or General Garden Comments:

- Alex - acknowledgement of irrigation update for flowers: Judy Thornton contributed over \$2,000 of personal funds to install the irrigation system for the upper and lower flower beds

### 3. Approval of the January 2025 meeting minutes - See attached - **Approved**

### 4. Treasurer's Reports - See attached report for further details - **Approved**

- Been busy, quite a few payments coming in for membership, two additional just received after report issued
- Expenses included drainage expenses, PO box annual fee (name updated to Nilgun from Paul)
- A couple of donations came in as well.
- Nilgun working on YTD expenses
- Nilgun also working on getting information for taxes to Chuck

### 5. Stewardship Reports - See attached report for further details

- Trying to automate watering where possible. Goal is to spend time caring for flowers, plants and trees rather than watering.
- Trying to get ahead of coddling moth issue, including nematodes
- Thank you to Assemblyman Josh Hoover's office for donating funds for new flags.
- New Food Bank recording process: updated info/ instructions are in the shed
- Debbie and Patrick added underlayment into the equipment shed to allow for easier access

### 6. Administrative Items

- Dan reached out to our local and state government reps Ami Berra and Josh Hoover. Josh Hoover gave a donation and also visited the garden personally. The garden membership drive and plant sale will be included in their next newsletter for visibility.

- Board is considering incentives for 2027 Board and Community Garden Members (to be discussed at a later meeting)
- Gate vandalism: Reported by Debbie. B Gate (near disability parking lot). Looks like they tried to pull the gate apart but Dan was able to bend the gate and latch back into place. Nothing observed missing or damaged.

## 7. Membership

- New process of pushing up renewals is working well and providing clarity and more organization on managing membership, funds, and availability.
- A handful of people have reached out to Laura to state that they are renewing their membership but still have applications and/ or fees outstanding.
- Board to discuss and vote on questionable renewals based on rules and procedures (discussed during closed executive session after general meeting).
- # open plots for next garden year: includes 1, 13, 14, 19, 20, 23, 24, 40, 61, 63, 68
- A couple of people have indicated that they want a second plot: need to review how to assign open plots that multiple people have expressed interest in.
  - Daniel and Sally: would like to move them to a more accessible plot, possibly #1

## 8. Garden Improvement Day

- February work day planned for 2/21, 9-11am weather dependent. Work can certainly stay later and continue to contribute :)

## 9. Accomplishments

- Plot 0 repair for draining. Plot 13 looks amazing: big thanks to Chuck and Sean
- Reaching out to state representatives to introduce them to the garden; donation from Josh Hoover's office

## 10. Unfinished and New Business

- Banners: hang open plots banner now and hang plant sale banner soon? Patrick and Debbie will work on this
- Plant Sale Update Going well so far.:
  - are getting a fairly good sprout rate in the greenhouse thus far. Total plants potted at this point = 790, including 85 peppers and 135 tomatoes in hydroponics + additional peppers in the greenhouse (typically don't do well sprouting in the garden but will try).
  - Have spare pots for reseeding for any pots that fail to sprout

- Will do corn and bean seeding around 3/1
- Watering is going ok. Still need a regular Saturday watering commitment
- Need to organize non-plant items (pots, birdhouses, etc, ). Alex Olijnyk will spearhead
- Isolated ant issue that appears to be under control at this time.
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- CH Facility Use Fee: City will require garden to pay deposit and usage fees going forward. \$500 annual deposit and \$100 annual flat fee for usage (1 meeting/usage per month). Availability TBD due to construction.

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#### 11. Announcements

- Compost Workshop April 4 & May 9 with Republic Services
- Zoom Board Meeting will continue until we hear back from the city regarding the community center. Next meeting will be Thursday 3/12 at 6:30PM.

#### 12. Adjourn- 7:37 PM