

MINUTES
June 3, 2025
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

Attendees: Ann Bone, John Kriek, Taylor Levinson, Anna Schoenbaechler, Cyndi McGill, Jeff Leech, Richard Osterholtz. Not in attendance: Pam Robinson, Kame Awokoya, Ann Wright.

Ann Bone called the meeting to order at 6:37.

The April minutes were reviewed. One amendment: In the Garden update, the section on a "donation" from Dunwoody Parks and Rec should be amended to say that Parks and Rec offered to cover up to \$5k of the cost of the electrical installation at the new Shade Shack. The April minutes were then approved as amended.

Ann Bone recognized DCGO members Chris Nesbitt and Erick Emde for creating and installing the new DCGO Community Garden sign at the garden entrance.

Plant Sale Update - Cyndi

Cyndi reported that our Spring Plant Sale generated \$10,076 during the 3 days of the sale. An additional +/- \$200 was generated in the days leading up to and following the sale.

While the plant sale offerings were high quality and feedback from customers was overwhelmingly positive, the revenue generated was less than the past two years. The main reasons for the difference in revenue seem to be poor germination of vegetable seeds – perhaps due to the seeds themselves and to the potting medium used. We will revamp these processes for future sales. Based on the past two plant sales, Cyndi plans to revamp the volunteer roles and number of participants to better reflect requirements.

Shade Shack Update - Cyndi

The basic structure is up!!! We had two excellent workdays – May 17 and 18 – led by Russ Colgrove along with a great team of volunteers. Along with building the basic structure, volunteers also sorted out all the old slate chips from the base of the previous structures for use with the new structure. Still to come over the next month or so: installation of the front fascia board, rain gutter, and rain chain; interior ground prep (stump removal, landscape cloth, and slate chips); electric and fan; seating.

Seating options were discussed during this Board meeting. While a motion was made to purchase 2 green 6' metal benches from the Uline catalog, we agreed that Cyndi will check first with Gabe Neps to see if Parks and Rec has any extra benches available for our use.

We discussed the next steps for electrical installation. Jeff will set up a meeting with Gabe, Cyndi, and Ann (if available) to discuss specific next steps and contributions toward the installation from Parks and Rec.

Bookmark Update - Cyndi

The new Bookmarks that will replace the old 4-color tri-fold brochure as the DCGO publicity piece are here! An initial supply of about 100 bookmarks is in a ziplock bag on the brown bookcase in the barn. About 400 additional bookmarks are ready to be cut and assembled.

Wine and Cheese Party Update - All

The Board agreed that the Wine and Cheese party was a huge success and commended Ann Wright for the beautiful décor and incredible food display.

The Gazebo dedication for Rod Pittman was well received by all in attendance. We were honored to have Dr. and Mrs. Bouchard in attendance along with Eddie Pittman and his wife. Tributes were delivered by Ann Bone, Pattie Baker, and Carlos Bustamonte.

Treasury Update - John

We currently have \$28.5K in the treasury, which includes our Wells Fargo account as well as a portion invested in a short-term treasury note with Schwab.

Membership Update - Anna

All plots are currently assigned with 13 on the waitlist.

Anna will update the DCGOBrookrunpark@gmail.com Google drive with the current membership list.

Final warning messages will be sent to the owners of plots 113 and 115.

Vice President Update - Ann B. (for Pam)

Harvest Report: 621 lbs YTD, which is 68 lbs ahead of this time last year.

In the next newsletter we need to remind members to notify

DCGOHarvest@gmail.com if they're going to be away so that their plots can be harvested.

Greenhouse - Richard

The grow beds are now planted with summer crops.

Richard asked that Pam survey the Pantry Bed tenders to determine what they want to plant in the late summer/fall.

We discussed the possibility of a fall plant sale for fall edibles and perennials. The consensus was that a full fall plant sale would not be necessary, but that a limited number of cool season vegetables would be grown and offered for sale at the Master Gardener talks in September and October.

Garden Update – Taylor and Jeff

Taylor will investigate the possibility of establishing a members-only Facebook page to facilitate member communications and information sharing.

Jeff will investigate repurposing/labeling the old rain barrel currently in the garden shed as a trash can.

We agreed that it's time to change the garden gate code, especially as the fruit crops are beginning to ripen. Ann B. will work with Jeff and Taylor on timing and process to get the code changed, which will require having the gate company come back to explain how it's done. Taylor will document the process for future changes.

Other Business – All

Ann B. brought up the possibility of adding an additional Board Member to act as Secretary/Web Master. We will discuss this at the July Board meeting.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.