

MINUTES
January 4, 2022
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: January 4, 2022

ATTENDEES: Cyndi McGill, Ann Bone, Ann Wright, Bill Grossman, Eleanor Geddes, Shelia Wilder, Sandra DuBois, Kame Awokaya, Art Simon, Jeff Leech and Richard Osterholtz

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Cyndi McGill.

Minutes from the previous BOD meeting held November 2,2021 were presented by Ann Wright.

Motion made by Art Simon to accept the Minutes as amended.

Motion was seconded by Eleanor Geddes and unanimously accepted.

Vice Chair Update – presented by Ann Bone Vice Chair

Pantry Bed and Harvest Team Update

- Four of the pantry beds have been reassigned to new members on the team.
- Malachi Food Pantry received a total of 1776 pounds from the Fall/Winter harvest.

Newsletter Update

- Final renewal reminders to be sent to delinquent members.
- New code will be emailed to current members in good standing.
New gate code 1776 will become effective 1/5/2022.

Membership Update – presented by Eleanor Geddes

- There are currently three new members that have accepted plots.
- Two plots surrendered- Janice Felt #209 and Sarah Sullivan #506
- Four new plots- Becca Goldman #603, Deb From #610, Liz Bertchold #611 and Bhavna Barot #613. *None have taken up the offer to meet at the garden at this point.
- Currently twenty -five individuals are on the waiting list of which three are Dunwoody residents.
- New member tour scheduled on 1/5/2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Bill Grossman

- Total funds available: \$11,200 as of December 31,2021.

Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon and Richard

Osterholtz

- Beds have been updated in the back of the greenhouse and are ready for spring planting
- Art Simon reported continued turnout of volunteers. Currently planting perennials and peppers.
- Malachi Food Pantry to reopen 1/5/2022

Main Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- Plans to rebuild and refurbish garden beds on MLK workday with the help of 8-12 volunteers.
- Plan is to eventually eliminate all the original cinder blocks from the beds as they are rebuilt.
- Ten beds are scheduled to be rebuilt at a cost of \$45/ bed
- Thirteen beds are scheduled for repair.
- MLK workday scheduled for 1/17/22 current wish list to accomplish:
 - Rebuild and refurbish garden beds
 - New picnic tables have been delivered and will need painting. Two will remain in greenhouse remainder will be placed in the community garden.
 - Clean out and install edging in the kiwi bed.
- Tentative workday will be scheduled the beginning of February if required.
- Lawn maintenance will resume 3/1/2022.

Social Director's Recap – presented by Shelia Wilder and Sandra DuBois

- List of supplies requested by Art Simon for greenhouse volunteers was received and will be updated for their use.

Community Outreach and Communication – presented by Kame Tseja

- Publicity has been sent out for the Master Gardener Talk – Companion Planting scheduled for 1/8/2022
- Discussion on presenting the scheduled MG Talk to Zoom or cancelling entirely. Once a decision is finalized sites will be updated accordingly.
- Tentative February workday should be requested by 1/19/2022 for timely posting to sites.

New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

Spring Plant Sale

- Scheduled for 4/29-5/1/2022
- Discussion on providing healthy, seasonal plants in bloom with the addition of native plants.
- Early communication with Parks and Rec to install gravel and cut grass in the areas prior to staging of plants
- Dunwoody and Spalding Garden Clubs to be approached as new sources of plant donations.
- Request member donations via the February and March newsletter.
- Confirm current plant donations from Dunwoody Country Club.
- Detailed plans will be firmed up early February with workday scheduled for March.

Arch in the Garden

- Scheduled to run from 3/18 - 4/18/2022
- Discussion on the Entrance Shelter to the community garden to be used as photo op for the event.

- Community Garden will coordinate the design of entrance with Parks and Recreation as well as Spruill Art Center.
- DCGO will be responsible for backboard construction, installation, and plant maintenance.
- Spruill Arts Center will provide photo props and metal sculptures.

Budget

- Tabled for discussion at February meeting.

Mentorship

- Need for several mentors on board prior to launch.
- Cyndi McGill will act as volunteer coordinator.
- Discussion on private Facebook Group that would be geared to answering garden questions.
- Eleanor Geddes agreed to setting up the site as well as co-moderate with Cyndi McGill.

Community Garden Lock Update

- Tielke Baker to update lock code 1/5/2022 to 1776

The next meeting will be held February 8, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, Shelia Wilder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Eleanor Geddes and meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wright

Recording Secretary