

## **DCOG Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** The Barn

### **Attendees:**

Taylor Levinson, John Kriek, Ann Bone, Anna Schoenbaechler, Jeff Leech, Pam Robinson, Ann Wright, Cyndi McGill, Richard Osterholtz, Kame Awokoya

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM by Ann Bone

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## **Chairman's Report**

**Presenter:** Ann

**Topics:** Review March minutes, Add Plot #'s to Membership report

- After corrections were noted, the March minutes were approved by Cyndi and seconded by Anna.
  - Ann requested the Bouchards' email address to invite them to the Wine & Cheese party.
  - The garden cleanup was a huge success. The painted picnic table was removed.
  - "Snapdragons in the Garden" was a great success. Rachel Waldron from the city attended, and it had the largest attendance to date. The kids enjoyed the crafts. Ann spent \$150 on plants for the garden entryway, which will be reimbursed by the city. John will facilitate the reimbursement.
  - Work continues on getting the Shade Shack installed. Parks & Rec. is donating \$5,000, which will be used to hire an electrician to install lighting and a fan.
  - Ann spent \$170 on a plaque for the gazebo at the greenhouse.
  - The monthly MG Talk will be moved to April 19 due to the plant sale.
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## **Vice Chair Report**

**Presenter:** Pam

**Topics:** PB Update, PB Labels, Volunteer Update

- PB harvest totals:
  - March 5: 56.4 lbs.
  - March 12: 15.5 lbs.
  - March 19: 21 lbs.
- Harvesting is scheduled every other week, with additional harvests as needed.
- Volunteer names have been placed on each bed to enhance ownership and clarity.

- Fertilizer has been purchased and placed in lockers for pantry volunteers, along with name tags and markers.
  - A list of volunteers without bed assignments is on file. They will be contacted if needed.
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## **Treasurer's Report**

**Presenter:** John

**Topics:** Budget Update, Shade Shack, Garden Entry

- Distributed detailed financial reports with graphs. DCGO remains financially secure.
  - A \$300 ad was placed in the *Dunwoody Crier* for the plant sale.
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## **Membership Report**

**Presenter:** Anna S.

**Topic:** Membership Update

- Current Membership Status:
    - 2 new members plot #s 502, 602
    - 1 open plot
    - 10 on the waitlist
  - A member who abandoned her bed wants her items returned. She will be informed that her items are no longer available.
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## **2025 Plant Sale Report**

**Presenter:** Cyndi

**Topics:** Volunteer Signups, Plant Inventory, Seed Paper Bookmarks

- New MG class volunteers have signed up.
- Cashier volunteers will need the cashier app installed on their phones.
- Volunteer coverage is strong.
- Sales projections are lower than last year due to fewer vegetables. Poor seed germination affected tomato plants (down 50). However, there are plenty of jalapeños and herbs.
- Plant pricing is pending; comparisons were made at Lowe's and Home Depot.
- Ann will bring Creeping Jenny; Pam will bring Solomon's Seal.
- Tilke will post signs for the sale.
- Ann W. will bring food for volunteers.
- Seed paper (\$100) and stickers (\$130) have been ordered. Cyndi will schedule a time for bookmark assembly.

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## Greenhouse Report

**Presenter:** Richard

- The team has worked hard preparing for the sale. However, tomato stock may be low.
  - There are plants on the tables outside the garden are there to be hardened off.
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## Garden Report

**Presenter:** Jeff

**Topic:** Shade Shack and General Updates

- Water is now fully turned on in the garden.
- The front and back locks have been repaired.
- Will order 2–3 bags of soil for delivery.
- We received a verbal offer from Gabe Neps of a \$5,000 contribution toward completion of the Shade Shack (on behalf of the city). Funds would support power installation, ceiling fans, and general utilities for the Shade Shack.
- Some tool handles are old and need replacing.

**Presenter:** Taylor

**Topic:** Garden Entrance Update

- Planning to install a banner at the garden entrance: *"Science at Work"*
- Some cannas are still growing; solarization may help.
- Taylor will ask Gabe for a boulder at the entrance.
- The bamboo tunnel may not be feasible; a teepee is being considered instead. Ann suggested willow for the tunnel. The teepee and boulder will frame the entrance.

**Presenter:** Cyndi

**Topic:** Shade Shack Construction

- Russ Colgrove (Architect/Engineer) will oversee construction.
  - Two workdays are proposed for May 11 & 18. (Note: May 11 is Mother's Day.)
  - Six volunteers are needed who can lift and use nail guns, ladders, etc.
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## Communications Report

**Presenter:** Kame

**Topics:** April Newsletter, Plant Sale, Donation Reminders

- April "Garden of the Month": Plot #107
- Plant sale ad will run again in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on Instagram.

- Cyndi asked Sarah to include the plant sale in the Extension newsletter.
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## **Events Report**

**Presenter:** Ann

**Topics:** Wine & Cheese Party, Monthly Garden Presentation

- Has the list of guests, volunteers, VIPs, and city council members to be invited to the Wine & Cheese party.
  - Monthly Garden Presentation: April 19 — Topic: *Tomatoes*
  - The Wine & Cheese Party is rescheduled to **Friday, May 2**.
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**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Pam Robinson

DCGO Recording Secretary