

MINUTES  
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2022

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Bill Grossman, Cyndi McGill, Jeff Leech, Richard Osterholtz, Art Simon, Sheila Wilder, and Ann Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Cyndi McGill.

Minutes from the BOD meeting held June 21, 2022, were presented. Corrections were noted. Motion made by Sheila Wilder to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Richard Osterholtz and unanimously accepted.

Vice Chair Update- presented by Ann Bone  
Pantry Bed and Harvest Team Update.

- Three new pantry beds have been planted.
- Harvest team YTD 991.3 lbs. of food.
- Roof shingles to be installed behind the pantry beds

Newsletter

- Kudzu bugs have appeared in the garden. Information will be provided to the members on inspecting their beds and proper treatment and disposal of the insects.

- Current treatment includes usage of pyrethrin insecticide.
- Time and talents request will be added to the website.
- August Master Gardener Talk- “Seed Saving for Ornamental Plants” presented by Art Simon.

#### Membership Update – presented by Cyndi McGill

- Current wait list includes 8 individuals with 2 offers pending.
- New members  
Mary-Ellen Miller, plot #302.  
Miranda Barzey, plot #115.
- Open plot #115, surrender letter was sent to Chris Jacobs at Breakthrough Outreach.
- Plot #612 surrendered.

#### Treasurer’s Report – Bill Grossman

- Total funds available: \$16,800.

#### Greenhouse Update – presented by Art Simon

- Volunteers are currently cleaning out beds in preparation of fall planting.
- Art is requesting charity bed tenders to submit their request for fall planting.

#### Main Garden Update -Jeff Leech

- Missing picnic table was located in the nearby stream and has been replaced back into the garden.

- Gabe Neps has agreed to the addition of a four-foot-wide embossed cement walkway to be installed by Parks and Recreation. The proposed walkway will begin at the sidewalk and extend to the main garden gate.
- Jeff reported positive review with the upkeep of the garden by Dunwoody Pinestraw LLC.
- Maintenance work will continue at the current rate.

#### Social Director Update-presented by Sheila Wilder

- Discussion on adding Walks in the Garden event in August to connect with members. Sip and See, and DCGO Coffee Walk were two possible suggestions.

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#### Community Outreach

- Thank you will be sent by Cyndi McGill to Dwight Glover, owner of the Dunwoody Ace Hardware for his generous seed packets donation to the garden.

#### New Business – presented by Cyndi McGill

- American Rescue Act paperwork has been submitted as required by the City of Dunwoody. Awaiting results if DCGO qualifies for the funding.
- All plots including pantry beds have been relabeled.
- Discussion on the need to change the garden combination code. Jeff Leech will report back at the August meeting process required to changes the codes.
- Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2022

- Fall Plant sale scheduled for October 8, 2022, in conjunction with the Garden Talk.
- Discussion on eliminating the current 12-hour volunteer obligation agreement. Going forward the goal is increase participation and have members fulfill their agreement. Consensus is to move in the direction of teamwork groups. Each member upon renewing their agreement would be required to select from one or more groups.
- Individual teams would help track and encourage members to take an active role in the garden and greenhouse complexes.
- Discussion on two additional teams.
  1. Member Support Team- in the event of a member's illness or surgery the team would contact team lead to arrange temporary care/watering of the plot. Members can contact Jeff Leech for support with their plots until the team is established.
  2. Tool Team- would be responsible for cleaning, repairing, and replacing tools as needed.
- Role of the team leader would involve organizing and communicating task required with their teams while making sure work is completed. Lead would be responsible for reporting back to the Board. Renewal agreement forms would need to be revised to include updated volunteer requirements and a team selection.
- Revised agreement would take effect 1/2023. Members would be required to sign yearly renewals.

- Revisions would require Bylaw amendments which will be reviewed at the August Board meeting.
- Discussion on expanding the renewal agreement page to include E Signature.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> is the final date to notify members of Bylaw amendments.

With no further business, Art Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Motion was seconded by Ann Bone and meeting was concluded.

Next board meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wright  
Recording Secretary