

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2024

Attendees: Richard Osterholtz, Taylor Levinson, John Krieck, Ann Bone, Anna Schoenbachler, Kame Awekoya, Jeff Leach, Pam Robinson

Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Ann Bone

Dunwoody City Council Report

Date: 11/12

- Presenter: Ann B.
 - Ann will attend the City Council meeting to present DCGO's mission, activities, and any relevant issues.
 - All City-supported non-profit organizations have been asked to provide reports.
 - John will send pie charts to Ann showing income and expenses in percentages for the presentation.
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Review of October Minutes

- Approved by Richard, seconded by Ann B.
 - **Discussion:** Should financials be included in the minutes?
 - **Decision:** Financial details will not be published as the minutes are available on the website, and detailed financials are not for public sharing.
 - The remainder of the minutes was approved by Richard and seconded by Ann.
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Pantry Bed and Harvest Updates

- **Presenter:** Pam
 - **Harvest Total:** 161.5 pounds of produce for the month of October, including lettuce, broccoli, peppers, bok choy, basil, rosemary, radishes, collard greens, and mustard greens.
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Treasurer's Report

- **Presenter:** John
- Distributed detailed financial reports with graphs. DCGO remains financially secure.
- **Credit Card Updates:**
 - Dave's card has been canceled as the fence project is complete.
 - Current allocations:
 - Art: \$735
 - Pam: \$500
 - Taylor: \$700
 - Cindy: \$1,000
 - Current credit limit: \$4,500.

- Plans to increase the limit will proceed after the bank transitions from Visa to MasterCard.
 - The new cards for Pam and Taylor will arrive next week.
 - Taylor confirmed the locker invoice has been paid.
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Membership Report

- **Presenter:** Anna
 - **Updates:**
 - Two surrenders in process.
 - Ten people are on the waitlist for garden plots.
 - **Renewals for 2025:**
 - The garden year ends December 31. Renewals are online via PayPal or credit card.
 - Notice to be included in the newsletter.
 - John sends membership updates to Anna.
 - Anna is collaborating with Eleanor to transition and update bed assignments.
 - Ann B. will update renewal processes on the website, including the membership agreement requirement.
 - Membership applications will also be posted on Instagram and Facebook.
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Greenhouse Report

- **Presenter:** Richard
 - **Status:** 80% of the greenhouse has transitioned to fall crops.
 - Still harvesting eggplants, peppers, lettuce, and basil.
 - Peppers and lettuce remain available for planting.
 - Richard power-washed an old bench. It needs priming and painting before being moved to the shade shack.
 - The new gazebo has been installed.
 - Richard will source pricing for new chairs; an existing table will be used in the gazebo.
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Garden Report

- **Presenter:** Jeff
- **Fence Rebuild:**
 - The fence project is complete and within budget. A section may be adjusted for uniformity.
- **Bed Replacement:** Jeff plans to rebuild 9–12 garden beds.
- **Miscellaneous Updates:**
 - The mulch-side gate needs adjusting.
 - Lockers have been installed in the shed and labeled “For Pantry Bed Use Only.”

- Taylor suggested installing a solar light in the shed.
 - **Volunteer Workday:** Food Well Alliance canceled the planned event. A small team of DCOG volunteers have begun dismantling the shade shack. Status TBD.
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Communications Report

- **Presenter:** Kame
 - **Garden of the Month:** Bed 510, Dan Joyce.
 - The newsletter will include:
 - Information about seasonal transitions.
 - Member expectations, including covering beds or using cover crops when not planted.
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Events Report

- **Presenter:** Ann B. on behalf of Ann W.
 - Nothing to report.
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2025 Plant Sale

- The date for the 2025 Plant Sale will be set at the next board meeting.
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Miscellaneous

- Cyndi is exploring solar lighting options for the gazebo and shade shack.
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Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Robinson

DCGO Recording Secretary