

DCOG Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2024

Attendees: Ann Bone, John Kriek, Jeff Leach, Taylor Levinson, Richard Osterholtz, Pam Robinson, Ann Wright

Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Ann Bone

Dunwoody City Council Report

Date: 11/12/2024

- Presenter: Ann B.
 - Non-profit agency report presented to the city. Ann and Richard were both in attendance.
 - Richard reported the new Led grow lights for the greenhouse will consist of 16, 2W fixtures that will cutdown on the electric usage that the city is currently paying.
 - Compliments from the mayor for DCGO being the largest all volunteer group in the state.
 - 2025 report will occur after the Annual meeting.
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Review of November Minutes

- Approved by Richard
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Pantry Bed and Harvest Updates

- **Presenter:** Pam
 - **Harvest Total:** 162.9 pounds of produce. Mini harvest scheduled for tomorrow in the greenhouse.
 - Greens and peppers harvested today.
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Treasurer's Report

- **Presenter:** John
 - Financial reports distributed to committee members. DCGO remains financially secure.
 - Sun shed projected cost \$2,500 which should be self funded with donations. Possibility of demolishing current shed. Cyndi will return with Russ to reassess. Richard and Jeff agreed to attend.
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Membership Report

- **Presenter:** Ann
- Currently 3 open plots

- Waitlist - 18
 - Garden is at current capacity, with no room for expansion
 - **Renewals for 2025:**
 - 15 individuals have renewed at this point of the the current 97 members.
 - 1 affiliate renewal. Fee reduced from \$80 to \$40.
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Greenhouse Report

- **Presenter:** Richard
 - **Status:** summer crops are finished. 80% of the greenhouse has transitioned to fall crops. Tender vegetables covered.
 - Propane tank refill
 - **Harvest:**
 - Lettuce, kale, and peppers harvested. Sweet potato harvest was minimal.
 - Bok choy will be available in 1-2 weeks
 - **Furniture:** bench has been painted. Remainder of furniture will be painted when the temperature warms up. Pergola furniture will be added, projected cost \$300.
 - **2025 MG talk :** Presenters have been secured for the upcoming year. Kathy Florence will be a new addition to the schedule.
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Garden Report

- **Presenter:** Jeff
- **Fence Rebuild:**
 - A section of the new fence was adjusted by Richard and Janet
- **Bed Rebuild:** Jeff thanked all the members that helped to rebuild a total of 10 beds.
- **MLK of Service:** Members to start thinking about projects that need to be completed on the workday.

- **Cob Bench:** Continues to deteriorate. No reply from family members on where to send artifacts.
- **Addition of a dog area:** Dogs in the garden becoming an issue. Possibility of adding an area by the swing in the garden for dogs. Pros and cons discussed.

Pro: dogs would be contained in a controlled area. City currently cleans the dog park monthly, possibility of asking for assistance in cleaning this site as well.

Cons: Potential for fighting if numerous dogs were corralled in the area at same time, urine odor, who would be responsible for cleaning the area, disposal of excrement , addition of waste station.

Decision: Article will be added in the newsletter explaining why dogs are restricted from the garden. Addition of no dog allowed signs on all gates.

Communications Report

- **Garden of the Month:** Bed 414, Michelle Badlu.
- The newsletter will include:
 - Reminder all renewals must be completed by December 31st.
 - No dog policy in the garden.

Events Report

- **Presenter:** Ann W.
- Nothing to report.

2025 Plant Sale

- 2025 Plant Sale has been scheduled for 5/2- 5/4 due to Easter falling on 4/18 and Lemonade Day on 4/23.
- Early sale of tomato plants will be featured in the April newsletter.
- Peppers and tomatoes will be available for sale at the April Mg talk

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Wright

