

MINUTES
February 4, 2020
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2020

ATTENDEES: Ann Bone, Shelia Wilder, Cindy McGill, Teresa Hennessee, Mike Hayward, Tielke Baker, Art Simon, Jeff Leech, and Stasia Kelly

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm est by Ann Bone

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held January 7, 2020, were presented. After review by the BOD, a few corrections were made. Art made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Tielke and unanimously approved.

Membership – presented by Mike Hayward

- In summary
 - 57 plots have been renewed for calendar year 2020. There are 30 to 31 plots pending renewal. Mike Hayward has not spoken to Bill Grossman, Treasurer, lately. Mike is unclear if any member has mailed their payment via check to the DCGO P.O. Box as Bill checks the P. O. Box for incoming mail and checks. Therefore, unclear if some of the 30 to 31 pending plots may actually be paid
 - There is one open plot, 109, formerly belonging to Sam Alter.
 - There are 4 plots which payment has been waived by the BOD as those members work on the Charity beds or Harvest team.
 - Ed Mehrman will not renew his plot, #205, for 2020
 - Unclear if plot #304 belonging to Dan Muscado will be renewed
 - There are 15 people currently on the waiting list. Per Ann, Mike can offer up plot # 109 and #205 to those individuals on the waiting list

Contradiction in By-Laws – presented by Ann Bone

- Discussion was held among the BOD members regarding confusion in the by-laws on what date is the drop-dead date for renewals. There is confusion if the date is January 31st or February 15th. Teresa to forward the amended bylaws to Ann to determine the correct date. This information is needed so appropriate messaging can be sent to members still pending payment.
- Below are all the pending plots (members whom we have not received renewal payment)
 - Plot 112 belonging to Stephanie Ramsey
 - Plot 113 belonging to Barry and Elaine King – Jeff to check and see if they wish to renew
 - Plot 115 belong to Lindsey Chester and Rob Barrett
 - Plot 212 belonging John Kriek and Cheryl Jacobs
 - Plot 213 belonging to Lyn Coltman – Ann to check with Lyn
 - Plot 214 belonging to Giles Divoux
 - Plot 215 belonging to Sara Nichols and Greg Boggins
 - Plot 304 belonging to Dan Mascota
 - Plot 307 belonging to Jeffrey Haas

- Plot 314 belonging to Spencer Powell
- Plot 315 belonging to Lori and Dan Middleton
- Plot 402 belonging to Ida and Izzy Bolt
- Plot 405 belonging to Rachel and Noah Bubman
- Plot 406 belonging to Mary Novotny and Andrew Rodriguez
- Plot 410 belonging to Bryan Brandi and Camdyn Kler
- Plot 412 belonging to Ron Davis
- Plot 413 belonging to Susie and Eddie Lanham
- Plot 505 belonging to Julie Bakken and Diane DeBusio
- Plot 506 belonging to Linda Moore
- Plot 507 belonging to Jim and Mariane Askew
- Plot 510 belonging to Dan Joyce
- Plot 512 belonging to Crystal Clark
- Plot 514 belonging to Barbara Bertke and Jennifer Williamson
- Plot 516 belonging to Kalena Stovall
- Plot 607 belonging to Mary Jane and Jim Gonzales
- Plot 608 belonging to Kwok Tse and Sunn Wong
- Plot 613 belonging to Erica Zwierzchowski
- Plot 614 belonging to Diane Markel
- Plot 616 belonging to Scott Witte

Mike to send email to all above advising them that February 15 is the last day for renewal and that if payment is not made by that date, their plot will be forfeited on February 16 and will be made available for those on the waiting list. As there is a concern that some payment may have been made by check and we are unaware of this fact, Art agreed to check the DCGO mail box tomorrow. If there are checks, he will deposit the checks and advise Mike so the membership record can be updated. Ann to follow up with Bill to see if he may have received checks and may have already made a deposit. She will communicate her findings to Mike as well. After receiving all this information, Mike will then send out notices to the members who are still pending payment.

Finance Report – presented by Ann Bone

- As Bill was absent at this meeting, no Treasurer’s report was submitted
- Betty Alspaugh returned a reimbursement check, #1276, in the amount of \$111.18 for supplies she purchased last year in her role as Social Secretary for various DCGO events. She requested the money go back into the DCGO coffers as a donation. As the check had never been cashed, Ann will write void on the check and those funds will remain in the DCGO checking account. A tax letter thanking Betty for her donation has already been sent to her.

Garden Update – presented by Jeff Leech

- MLK Service Day – Jeff Leech reported that we had about 35 to 40 volunteers who showed up at the main garden to help out during MLK Service day in Brookrun. It was cold, but the volunteers worked hard removing wooden and metal posts from the old deer fencing and filling up the new charity beds with compost. Many thanks to Jeff Leech, Tielke Baker, and Richard Osterholtz for helping with the supervision of the volunteers. There are five old posts that will be repurposed for new charity beds.

- Regarding the new fencing, a question was raised if we could have the vendor come back out and fix the fencing by the main front gate. At the time that the new fencing went up around the main front gate, there were still some old posts in the ground. Apparently, these posts prevented the main gate from being flush with the new fencing leaving a noticeable gap allowing small animals to gain access to the garden, perhaps even a small deer. The space has been patched by DCGO but it is not a professional looking fix. Jeff volunteered to reach out to the fencing vendor and see if they could come back (now that the posts have been removed) and see if they can something to improve the appearance at the front gate.
- Recommendation was made to phase out the use of corner blocks in building any future individual plots. They do not work well and become loose over time.
- Jeff to reach out to Flannery with the Food Well Alliance and see if they have volunteers in need of a service project to assist in the main garden rebuilding individual beds and also do work in the green house. Suggested time from 9 to 12. Suggested date Feb 25.
- Complaint – someone dumped several loads of gravel in the parking lot. The gravel heap is so large you can't get to the compost pile to make a delivery. Art suggested to have compost delivered to the greenhouse complex if can't get to the compost pile at the main garden.

Events

- Georgia Arbor Day tree sale and event – Friday Feb 21st and Saturday Feb 22nd. The BOD had discussed previously having a tree sale. Stasia, with her contacts at the forestry service, is able to secure 100 Willow Oaks for sale at the greenhouse. These trees are saplings, bare root seedlings. The trees come with planting instructions. We have a few other trees left over from last year's plant sale also available.
Friday there will be a tree planting ceremony at Pershnal Park with a photo opportunity and PR. Stasia will be at this event and wanted to invite the group to come back to the greenhouse complex for our sale.
In addition, the new Walter Reeves (Ashley Frasca) will be doing a live broadcast and discussing trees. DCGO may be invited to participate in this live broadcast.
Discussion was held on the appropriate price for the willow oaks. Ten seedlings go for \$35.00. BOD decided to charge \$5.00 for each bare root seedling Willow Oak. We should have photos of mature Willow Oaks available to show people what the seedling will grow into. Stasia to write up a fact sheet on Willow Oak.
We will use the usual advertising for this event. Suggested timing for the tree sale would be 9:00 am to 2:00 pm est each day Friday and Saturday.
- Master Gardening Session – the next scheduled session is this Saturday February 8. Subject will be composting. Cyndi and Shelia are on point to handle refreshment for this event.
- Grand re-opening of BrookRun Park – date has been pushed to April. Do we, DCGO, want a table at the event? Yes, DCGO would like a table at the grand re-opening of the park. Ann to follow-up with parks and rec.

Greenhouse –presented by Art Simon

- Art was disappointed that the harvest team was not harvesting in the greenhouse every week. He was advised that during the cooler months, the harvest team harvests every other week so they have more to present to Malachi Pantry.
- In addition, Sheila to work with Art to determine what plants in the greenhouse should be taken down to the bottom and which plants to be kept growing. Determination needs to be made

when beds in the green house can be cleared out (via harvest team) and the beds then turned over.

- Art suggested holding a member's only plant sale for cool season plants from the greenhouse for lettuces, broccoli, cauliflower, etc. Suggesting time of sale to be between March 1 and 15
- Many thanks to Dan Joyce and Mika for their volunteer work in the greenhouse.

Charity Bed and Harvest Team Update – presented by Tielke Baker

- All charity beds, except #7, have been rebuilt. Charity bed #1 will be redone to allow water drainage between the beds. Additionally, gravel will be added to the back of the charity beds to allow harvest team members to get behind the beds to harvest
- The gutter from the shed was cleaned out allowing water to flow more easily into the rain barrel.
- Tielke renumbered all the individual plots and charity beds. With all the work rebuilding and improving the charity beds around the perimeter of the main garden, we now have a total of 23 individual charity beds. With the addition of the charity beds inside and outside the greenhouse complex the total number of charity beds is now over 30. This is important as Ann is applying for a grant from fairlife for \$1,500.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm est

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Hennessee
Recording Secretary