

MINUTES
January 7, 2020
DUNWOODY COMMUNITY GARDEN BOARD MEETING

MEETING DATE: January 7, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm est by Ann Bone

Minutes from the last BOD meeting held November 5, 2019 were presented. After review by the BOD, Art moved to accept the Minutes as presented. Stasia seconded the motion, and the Minutes of the November 2019 BOD meeting were unanimously accepted.

Membership

- Discussion was held among the BOD members regarding compensation (free plot for calendar year 2020) to those garden members serving on the charity bed and/or harvest team. Mike Hayward of Membership needed to know who was or was not to be given a free plot for record keeping purposes. BOD resolution was made to allow the following individuals to be exempt from paying 2020 calendar year renewal fees for their individual plot in the main garden due to their service on the charity bed and/or harvest team:
 - Sheila Wilder plot 311
 - Tielke Baker, plot 204
 - Eleanor Geddes, plot 503
 - Judith Mills, plot 106
 - Marcia Dunn, plot 116
 - Deb Felton, plot 202
 - Janice Fett, plot 501
 - Colleen Lawrence, plot 605

Tielke Baker made a motion and seconded by Art Simon and Cyndi McGill to accept the BOD resolution as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- We have 6 persons currently on the waiting list for plots in the main garden.
- Ann to send out notice to all garden members (via Mail Chimp) thanking all who have already submitted their renewal for 2020 and reminding all others of the deadline of January 31, 2020. If payment is not made by the 31st, your plot becomes available and open to be re-issued to new garden members. We do have a waiting list of people interested in joining DCGO.
- Mike believes in a week or so, we would have a better feel for who has or has not paid their renewal.
- Discussion was held by the BOD on the merits of cleaning out untended plots which are determined to be unkempt and unused. In addition to go back to the garden member and levy fees for cleaning out their respective plots. Part of the discussion revolved around determining what state was unkempt and what was the result of mother nature after a garden member had been away for a couple of weeks. In addition, if a garden member has plants in their plot along

with weeds and you clean out the individual plot, do you remove all the remaining plants as well as the weeds? Could the surviving plants be utilized as a charity bed?? After further discussion around the process to determine which plots would need to be cleaned, who would be responsible for assuring plot was cleaned and who would levy the penalty fee and make sure receipt of same, it was determined that no one wanted to implement a plot cleaning penalty fee at this time.

- Since the beginning of October 2019, we have six new garden members.
- They are 6 persons on the waiting list. When Mike sends a response to those on the waiting list, he lets them know about any upcoming events at the garden, the Master Gardener session to keep up their interest in DCGO while they wait for a plot to come open.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 11 – Master Gardener session at the Barn discussing Companion Planting
- Jan 20 – MLK Volunteer day. This is a city-wide function. Parks and Rec will be having volunteers plant bulbs and shrubs in the park. In addition, Volunteers may be sent to the main garden. Activities for volunteers at the garden would be to remove all the old deer fence posts, and other metal posts and/or stakes. Would be great if we had some athletic volunteers to help with this. Jeff Leech and Richard Osterholtz will be supervising the volunteers at the main garden. Ann also volunteered in the supervision of the volunteers.
- Feb 8 -- Master Gardener session at the Barn discussion Compost
- Feb 21 – Georgia Arbor Day – Discussion was held that perhaps we could have a tree sale at the Barn, hardwood tree saplings, fruit tree saplings. Stasia to see if there are a few trees available with the forestry service to be donated for sale. It would be primarily a tree sale, but we could also sell lettuces if available from the green house.
- March 14 – Master Gardener session discussing Lawn and Turf
- March 28 – Rain Barrell Work Shop, city is working to do another
- April 18 – City of Dunwoody event, Storytime in the Garden with Piccadilly Puppets
- May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd – our annual spring plant sale
- May 16 – Kids in the Parks Day, perhaps have an open house at the Greenhouse complex.
- June 22 – 28 National Pollinator week. This is the 20th celebration. Perhaps have a celebration at the garden or in the greenhouse complex. Specific details to be determined.
- Looking at dates in the fall for possible 2nd rain barrel event. Cannot be Sept 12 as that conflicts with Master Gardener session. Also, cannot be Sept 19th as that is in the middle of Rosh Hashanah (Sept 18 – 20). Tielke to check on dates and get back to the group.

Financial Update – as Bill was not present, Ann presented an update of the finances of DCGO.

- The fence is paid for. Final cost for erection of the new fence at the main garden was \$15,913.00 of which DCGO was required to pay \$7,913.00 to the city for our portion of the new fencing. There are some small openings around each of the gates. We have materials to fix the openings to prevent small critters from getting inside. Openings appear to be too small for a human to get inside.

Garden Update ---

- After the vandalism back in December right before the new fencing was installed, we incurred 2 or 3 broken faucets. These faucets will be repaired in the spring along with broken hose bits.
- We have a lot of crumbling beds (charity)?
- Tielke recommends that we replace all the charity beds in poor condition with new beds.
- There are plants in the greenhouse which have been reserved for these newly to be built charity beds. Art and Tielke to work on the plumbing for these new beds

- There are 6 old posts from the main garden which we may be able to repurpose for bed construction.
- The charity bed that Sheila Wilder maintains was moved a few inches to the left/right to allow water to pass by the bed and not saturate it.

Greenhouse –

- The greenhouse is in business. Art is growing lots of stuff in the greenhouse. Of note, the carrot transplants took.
- Mika is a volunteer for the greenhouse committee. Dan Joyce joined the greenhouse committee.
- Any plants in the greenhouse are welcome to be used in the charity beds.

Other

- Next social event, Master Gardener session this Saturday, Jan 11. Shelia will arrange for refreshments and water. Cyndie and Shelia to get with Bill and see if a DCGO debit card from Wells Fargo can include both their names (Cyndi McGill and Sheila Wilder) so the debit card could be used by either of them to purchase food, beverages, and other supplies needed for all the social events held by DCGO for the year.
- Stasia will have to give up her plot, #511, as it is too far to come daily to maintain her individual plot in the main garden since she moved into a new home last year. She does; however, wish to continue to assist the BOD in her community outreach and Public Relations role. The snag is that to be a BOD member, according to the by-laws, you have to be a member in good standing. So, if wish to keep Stasia on the BOD and continue to rely on her PR skills to get the word out about DCGO, she needs to pay \$60 and then be responsible for maintaining a plot that she won't be able to do. A motion was made to have the BOD waive the renewal fee for Stasia for her plot, #511, for calendar year 2020 to allow Stasia to remain a member in good standing; thus, allowing her to continue to be a BOD member and assist the BOD with their PR needs. The motion was seconded by Tielke and unanimously passed.

With no further business, Tielke made a motion and was accepted to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm est

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Hennessee
Recording Secretary