

FULTON PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN

SUNSHINE GARDEN MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2016

7:00 p.m.

10 people attended

1. a. Agenda amended to include submissions by Jocelyn and Jonathan and approved

b. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2. Updates:

a. Jocelyn has applied for a \$2500 grant from Shell with a Sept. 30 deadline. Other options are not feasible being either not suitable (TD friends of the Environment), too soon (EPCOR), or on a 2-5 year cycle (Sustainable Feed Edmonton). This amount is for tanks and a dry stream bed estimated at \$2000, with a cushion built in.

b. -FYIB public spaces suggests community gardens not be nominated.

- EHS will be presented September 26. It is hoped Bonnie C. and Linda Y. can be on hand to accept the award as a thank you for their hard work.

- The Communities in Bloom award will be announced in October.

- Scott's Miracle Grow will be placing a sign in the garden to acknowledge our wonderful spot

c. Solar Lights. Kristen was not in attendance.

d. Donations to the Garden. We wish to officially thank Sheila Thompson for organizing the Garden Tour and for donating the proceeds to the garden.

We would also like to officially thank Esther Sulz for donating the seeds for the Communal Areas and for organizing the grafting and pruning workshop and donating the proceeds to the garden.

e. Donations from the Garden. Mainly individuals attending the coffee party, working in the garden, or simply visiting the garden have benefited from the extra produce from the Communal Beds.

3. a. Rather than capping or staining the boxes, Jocelyn will pain numbers on each box.

b. The Tree Pruning and Grafting Seminar was successful and enjoyed by all.

c. New ideas for activities include:

- growing mushrooms
- Jam & jelly making
- ethnic food
- mead making workshop
- beer brewing
- cheese making

d. Harvest potluck. With extra funds from the City's Neighbourhood Engagement Grant, the possibility of providing the main course and beverages was discussed. Garden members would be asked to provide appetizers and salads. The Potluck will be held Thursday, October 20.

e. Jocelyn asks that everyone take a few minutes to chop and fluff the compost. There is one bin of compost ready to apply and at the final work session it will be put on several boxes. On a rotation basis the compost will be added in the spring and fall so that only our home grown compost will be placed on the boxes.

4. IMPORTANT DATES:

-- The Fulton Place Gardener's Swap will be held Saturday September 17, 9-noon at the community hall.

-- Next meeting will be **Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.** (just before the mead making session.)

-- The Harvest potluck will be held Thursday October 20, 5:30 p.m. (details to follow).

-- The next work party will be Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. – noon.