

Fulton Place Community Garden

Sunshine Garden Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2015

7:00 p.m.

16 attended.

1a Agenda approved

1b Minutes of June 18 meeting approved.

2. Updates:

a. Sunshine Garden won the Edmonton in Bloom Community Garden Award. The certificate will be mounted and displayed in the shed.

b. The Garden Sign Permit is still in the works with details and permission from neighbours required.

c. The cement pilings for the benches and the sign will be installed at the same time. Nathan will assist. Kris will organize 'First Call'.

d. The Hardisty student visit this fall will be limited to a walk through.

e. The Fulton Place Garden Tour was deemed successful. Sheila reported on the feedback and suggestions. One suggestion was for the tour to be moved to June, a suggestion that was approved.

3. Discussion:

a. Gardening season feedback included negative feedback on square foot gardening. – having only one crop in several of the community boxes – creating a sign encouraging visitors to 'help themselves' -- a better defining of who can pick what and how much should be picked and shared – which beds may become available for rent. THESE ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

b. Compost – **Jocelyn and Eldon** have formed a committee to investigate purchasing compost. THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

c. Watering the garden – Bonnie addressed the various problems of water. We now have permission to use the church hose, unmetered, on the Fulton Road side bed. **Jonathan and Esther** formed a committee to investigate the overflow problem, the possibility of adding two more cubes and a creekbed. THESE ITEMS AND THE PROCEDURES FOR WINTERIZING THE WATER SYSTEM WILL BE CONTINUED IN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

d. Work session feedback. Notices for the next work session on August 29 will sent to all members.

e. Fall cleanup plan. We need to think about winter protection for the berry bushes and the plants along the alley.

f. Financial review and budget for next season. – Chantelle informed us that we collected between thirty-three and thirty-four thousand dollars and spent approximately thirty-two thousand. This came in the form of eleven grants totalling 28 thousand dollars. There is currently about \$1600 in the bank.

The rental charges and proceeds from the garden tour will be a basis of next year's funds. Increasing the costs of rental will be investigated. Searching out grants for specific projects will also be investigated. The Fulton Place Community League may be approached for continuing funding.

g. Planting plan for next year – the planting committee is looking at limiting crops to one variety in most of the communal boxes. The Three-sisters, Medicinal, Asparagus, and Bees & Butterflies boxes will remain as is.

h. Sunshine Garden Harvest Party – will be held Thursday October 8 with a thanks giving at 5:30 and a potluck at 6:00.

i. New members on the waiting list – A PROCEDURE FOR THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Terms of reference change to allow renters to pay fees for the next growing season if they wish to fall plant, however the renter must attend the spring meeting. Sherry and Chantelle will make the change.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m. Next meeting September 7th, 7 pm at St. Augustine's Anglican Church.