

Fulton Place Community Garden Meeting

Minutes for August 21, 2014

Sherry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fourteen people were present.

1. Update on progress.

- a. Land use agreement: Work is progressing on the licensed area agreement with the roles of the city and church being defined. It should be approved and signed by the September meeting.
- b. Budget to build: The grant committee has found 16 grants and is pursuing 6 of them that will total \$21,000. The purchase of cedar 4X4s for the boxes will use approximately 50% of this amount. Many of the grants require matching amounts whether with cash or volunteer time. Our volunteer time is being valued at \$12/hour by the SFE grant.
- c. Grant strategy: The committee is applying for the SFE, Age Innovation, the Capital Power Community and Community Engagement grants first. They will continue with a second tier of applications if needed.
- d. Community support letters: A minimum of four letters are required. They will be supplied by the Fulton Day Care, Capilano Play School Association, Fulton Community League, St. Augustine's Anglican Church and Hardisty K-9 school.

2. Group discussion --

a. Build strategy for fall:

- It was decided to wait until liability insurance is in place before beginning on-site work. This means work will probably be delayed until the spring.
- A committee (Esther, Linda and Kristen) was formed to work on developing, building and installing a sign. The goal is to have it in place this fall.
- Schools with carpentry courses, SEESA and community members will be asked to assist with building and storing boxes over the winter.
- Esther will arrange for website development.
- Committee members will search for a community member willing to document the progress of the garden.
- Kijiji will be one method of distributing sod stripped from the bed area. A community work bee will be held to place and fill the boxes. This will be arranged for a weekend, or 2, as soon as the soil can be worked.

b. Garden plot contract:

- The word 'by' will be added to the sentence 'All plots shall be planted...'
- Renters of individual plots will sign the contract, pay the rental fee and receive their plot assignment at a pre-season meeting in March or April 2015. The original signed copy will remain with the committee and a photocopy will be given to the renter.
- Non-plot members will receive a copy of a 'statement of expectations'.

- Both groups will receive the Schedules of guidelines for composting, watering and planting.
- Bonnie, Eldon and Doreen will devise planting guidelines.
- The contract will be revised to change the term 'members' to 'I' and to renumber the paragraphs consecutively.

Sherry adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.