

FULTON PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN
SUNSHINE GARDEN MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 21, 2016

7:00 p.m.

11 people attended.

1. Approvals

- a. Agenda approved
- b. May 19, 2016 minutes approved

2. Updates

- a. Garden nominated in Front Yards in Bloom Public Spaces category
- b. Garden nominated and won first place in Edmonton Horticultural Society Garden Competition, Community Garden category. Judges comments were shared.
- c. Garden hosted two judges plus city officials as part of the City of Edmonton's entry for "Communities in Bloom, International category" should hear results in October.
- d. Water solution is ongoing with Esther and Jonathan working out details to be forwarded to Jocelyn for grant applications.
- e. Esther donated \$240 raised through the Grafting and Pruning workshop.

3. Discussion

a. Fulton Place Garden tour was discussed with emphasis on the nearly \$1000 in proceeds donated to the Sunshine Garden by organizer Sheila Thompson.

b. General observations:

- coffee parties are growing in attendance,
- Laretta's signs for the communal beds are wonderful,
- work parties need assigned team leaders,
- garden maintenance – i.e. kids repaint rocks

c. Eldon reported that by July 18, 190 volunteer hours had been worked and recorded. Committee agreed that details need only be used to identify those in noncompliance of contract terms and three top performers.

d. Esther suggested growing malting barley in 2017 and joining with a micro brewery to create a FPCG beer as a fundraising venture.

e. Purchasing strings of solar lighting for the trees was PROPOSED BY ESTHER, SECONDED BY NICOLE and PASSED with a \$150. budget.

f. Suckering around the base of the lilacs was discussed. All agreed to search out possible methods of control.

g. Nicole suggested enhanced security at the garden, perhaps by obtaining a motion detector camera. Issues being wireless access, privacy issues and cost. She will investigate further.

h. Eldon proposed metal numbers be purchased and permanently attached to the sides of all boxes at a cost of \$300.

i. Esther proposed offering jam making sessions. Naila offered to add sessions preparing some of her favorite dishes. Obtaining permission to use St. Augustine's kitchen facilities will be explored.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Coffee Parties: Wednesday Sept, 7 9:30-10:30 a.m. &
Thursday Sept. 8 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Work Sessions: Saturday August 20 9:00-noon &
Saturday Oct. 22 9:00-noon

Visiting Groups: Wednesday August 17 3-4p.m. Grace United Men's Group
Sunday August 21, 1-4 p.m. EHS Open Garden

Next meeting Thursday, September 15, 2016 7:00 p.m.