

2017 SUNSHINE GARDEN MINUTES

April 5, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Attendees: 15 people attended including new members Jessica, Gail and Randy.

1. Approval:
 - a. Agenda was approved by Esther.
 - b. Minutes were approved by Clayton.
2. Updates:
 - a. We have three new box holder groups. Jessica, Gail & Randy, and Avery. The garden is fully subscribed.
 - b. Planting Committee update – Seeds have been purchased locally as well as through Canadian sources. Ever bearing strawberries and long season raspberry canes have been purchased. Pumpkin seeds from award winning pumpkins will be planted in the hope of getting monster fruit. Seed potatoes have been ordered. Sweet peas will be planted. Pansies will be purchased and planted in a new bed as a memorial for Loretta's son Mitch. Geranium seedlings will be purchased and grown on to maturity.
 - c. School groups planning – Sherry & Eldon will host grades 1, 4, 7 on May 5, 19 and June 2 with the Kids in the Garden program.
 - d. Water plan – Esther & Jonathan. More research must be done before the plan can be approved. Topics such as eaves, grading and visual impact are to be investigated. Answering the question of 'how important are more bins' will be looked into.
 - e. 2017 Garden tour – will be held Wednesday June 21 and Thursday June 22. Capilano Community Adult Playground Park will be included. The format will remain the same as previous years.
 - f. The Memorandum of Agreement – Nicole & Sherry. The agreement has not been signed. On the plus the contract runs for a 3-year term. The negative is the liability issue still remains with the garden volunteers. Nicole has suggested our best course of action is to investigate formalizing the connection with Fulton Place Community League and thus become covered by their insurance. Clayton will speak with the League president Mike, regarding this process.
3. Discussion:
 - a. Proposal for maintenance and management of communal areas – Doreen & Eldon. Proposed and accepted that gardeners be asked to commit to a minimum of six Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. They will be expected to work in the common areas doing the routine tasks needed to keep the garden in good shape. Beverages and treats will be provided by participants. Children will be welcomed providing they are supervised and restricted to the use of our kids' plastic tools.
 - b. Terms of Reference – Nicole. Proposed changing the clause in the Terms of Reference to allow the filling of vacant positions at the final meeting of the season rather than during the pre-season meeting.
4. Important Dates
 - a. Pre-season Garden Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.
 - i. 5:30 p.m. Spring blessing in the Garden
 - ii. 6:00 p.m. Spring Potluck Party
 - iii. 7:00 p.m. Pre-season Garden Meeting
 - b. Fall equinox potluck: Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.
 - c. Next meeting May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.