

Fulton Place Community Garden

Sunshine Garden Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2016

7:00 p.m.

9 people attended

1a. Agenda amended to add 3d.

1b. Minutes were approved as presented.

2a. The Neighbourhood Engagement grant is ready and waiting for a letter of support.

2b. The coffee party kick off on both the Wednesday a.m. and Thursday p.m. were limited successes. Permanent signage and a digital presence were suggested.

2c. Community box signs are ready to be attached. Thanks to the grade 8 & 9 kids for their creativity with the themes and the suns.

2d. Hardisty students have visited once and will attend again over the next 4 weeks. Lots of adult assistance is requested.

2e. Additional bedding plants will be arriving in the garden from Hardisty students, the plant committee bedding plants and participants in the Fulton Garden Swap Meet. A work session will be held after the Swap so these bedding plants will be settled. Bonnie plans to add mulch to the front bed of the church and a soaker hose will be placed between the soil and mulch to aid in moisture control.

2f. A water solution has been developed that includes a roof catchment system and a dry stream bed. Cost of materials is \$2050. Jocelyn will look into applying for a TD Friends of the Environment grant.

2g. A big welcome to our new members from L'Arche, Fulton Child Care and the mason bee project (check Facebook for a video of them hatching).

3. Discussion

3a. Promotion for the Fulton Gardener's Swap – Fulton e-newsletter, Garden Facebook page, the EHS calendar, ARLS newsletter, ENPG newsletter. 4-way sign?

3b. Promotion for the Fulton Garden Tour – Fulton e-newsletter, Garden Facebook page, EHS calendar, 4-way sign, SEV, Gardener's Swapmeet.

3c. Generally the season has been successful. A few problems include the top boards of the boxes splitting. The solar globes have been stolen. The identifying numbers are not sticking. A few of the box signs need mending.

3d. An offer will be made to Rae from the Forest/Terrace Heights community garden to provide them with any extra perennials from the Fulton Gardener's Swapmeet to be added to their perennial bed.

4. Important Dates:

4a. Gardener's swapmeet May 28 9 a.m. - noon

4b. Next work parties: May 28 noon – 3 p.m. to transplant & Saturday, June 18th 9-noon to prepare the garden for the tour.

4c. Next coffee parties: Wednesday June 1 9:30-10:30 a.m. & Thursday, June 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

4d. Fulton Garden Tour June 21-22

4e. Tree Pruning & Bed Grafting Seminar - July 20 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2016