

Fulton Place Community Garden

Sunshine Garden Meeting minutes for May 28, 2015

7:00 p.m.

19 Attended.

1. Minutes were approved.
2. Updates.
 - a. Official announcement of the completion of the build.
 - b. Financial Review – The interim budget had risen to \$40,000 with a donation from Imperial Oil for \$1500.
 - c. Hardisty School – The Young Life group assisted with moving cedar. The Jr. High with creating and painting the signs. The playschool and K-6 planted seedlings. They were toured through the site and encouraged to bring parents to visit. The Gr. 9 service project and the photography class were also involved.
 - d. Communal beds – They are easily identified by pink string, green stakes with the name of each bed will be added. There is a basket in the shed to hold extra seeds for trading. It was agreed to share the maintenance duties of these boxes and areas amongst the group – a signup sheet was circulated.
 - e. Tools – Not all have arrived, when they do and have been labelled they will be placed in the shed. At that time an inventory will be created and will be checked at each work bee. A lending log will be generated so garden members can borrow some of these tools as part of their membership.
3. Discussions.
 - a. Water Coordinator – Christina Erikson has volunteered for the position.
 - b. Waiting list – there is one person remaining on the list.
 - c. Fulton Place Garden Tour – Sheila presented the plan for a tour of neighbourhood gardens for the evenings of Wednesday July 15 and Thursday July 16. A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold at \$10.00/ticket with proceeds going to the Sunshine Garden. Volunteers are needed.
 - d. Guidelines review:
 - i. Water – only the coordinator can fill the cubes.
 - ii. Compost – sufficient browns are available, but greens must be added now. Remove the roots and chop up the plant matter.
 - iii. Planting – plants can be added to the communal areas by all members, if they are relevant to the theme of the box.
 - e. Ants are building hills in the boxes. Diatomaceous earth will be provided to deal with the problem.
 - f. Rain gauge – Hardisty School has a weather station as do TGP and the splash park, so a gauge on site was not considered necessary.

- g. Furniture – Still looking at acquiring a table and 2 benches at 1200 each. Currently the City of Edmonton has provided 2 picnic tables that we can use until others are purchased.
- h. Videographer – It was proposed and agreed that we provide Stephen with a \$100. Honorarium for his diligent and amazing work creating two videos of our build.
- i. Canadian Tire money will be collected in a donation jar to be kept in the shed to purchase plants and supplies as needed.
- j. Sunshine Garden Official Opening Party
 - i. Dignitaries Marlin Schmidt and Counsellors Sohi, Knack, Nickel, Henderson will attend.
 - ii. Opening party invitations have been extended to gardeners, volunteers, contributors, sponsors, St. Augustine church members and hierarchy, Hardisty school teachers and community partners.
 - iii. Facebook and posters will also be used to spread the word.
 - iv. Presentation – Jenny will thank the sponsors and contributors—demo areas for water, worms, beekeeping, building boxes, sq. ft. gardening, some themed boxes, a self-guided tour. Other suggestions included T-shirts to identify leaders, planting a seed in a pot – balloons & coloring books from Sustainable Food Edmonton, Sandwich boards to id areas and a tent to shelter all from the elements.
 - v. Discussion followed re the order of presentations, location of program, use of washrooms, availability of refreshments, back-up location in the event of rain. Members were asked to sign-up to volunteer and provide refreshments.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.