

Fulton Place Community Garden

Sunshine Garden Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2015

7:00 p.m.

8 people attended

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes by Jocelyn and Eldon
2. Updates
 - a. The sign permit has been received and the building committee and others have been alerted to the need to install it and the benches on or before November 7.
 - b. The final grant reports need to be submitted. Outstanding are the Sustainable Food Edmonton, Neighbourhood Engagement and Age Friendly. Sherry and Jocelyn will work on these.
 - c. The C. of E. Community Garden Workshop is being held Nov. 16. We need more people to represent various aspects of the garden. Abundant Community is a new concept from the City of Edmonton and they will have information available at the workshop.
 - d. Compost – Jocelyn asks that renters place new compost ONLY in the box nearest the pathway. The middle box is working. The one nearest the alley is finished and all can use it to enrich their boxes. She hopes we will have compost to harvest both in the fall and spring so that we no longer need to purchase it.
 - e. Water – as neither Esther or Jonathan attended, this will be held over to the next meeting.
 - f. As of the meeting two renters have decided to give up their boxes. We have three individuals and groups on the waiting list.
 - g. Carrie and Eldon will conduct a tool inventory in the near future and will change the combination to the shed at that time.
 - h. Kristen will be purchasing colored solar lights for the boxes and a solar spotlight for the sign bed.
3. Discussion
 - a. Garden sign and benches. It was decided to use post holes filled with road crush and concrete for the sign posts. The same technique will be used to anchor the benches – each bench will be attached to a central tether by a chain allowing limited movement. Clayton is willing to oversee these installations as well as installing a sweep for the base of the shed door (to keep out snow and critters).
 - b. Eldon will get 50' of snow fencing to run along the alley and mesh to surround the cherry bushes as protection from the rabbits. We will put out a call for rebar to act as posts along the alley. An additional work session will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10:00 a.m. for the final winterizing of the garden.
 - c. Water options will be discussed at the November meeting.
 - d. Terms of reference modification:
 - i. Renters will be asked to attend TWO work sessions per season.

- ii. A list of tasks will be supplied as an alternative if a renter is unable to attend a work session, these tasks will include turning compost, pulling grass from the seams, weeding various beds, trimming lilacs, etc.
- iii. TWO additional work sessions will be scheduled. One in early May to clean up the garden and prepare it for the season. A second will be held in early November for final winterizing.
- iv. The final clear out of boxes will be pushed to October 15.
- v. If a renter has not attended the required work sessions or preformed alternative tasks and there are people on the waiting list, they may be refused rental privileges for the following season.
- vi. Attendance will be required at both the April and October meetings, for signing contracts and paying fees. If the annual fee is paid in October, the renter will be allowed fall planting privileges. The contract must still be signed in April as there may be changes.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Anglican Church.