

Fulton Place Community Garden

Sunshine Garden Meeting Minutes for September 17, 2015

7:00 p.m.

14 people attended.

1. a. Agenda was approved.

b. Minutes of August 20 meeting were approved.

2. Updates

a. Garden sign permit has been approved for development and Sherry has sent it to the C. of E. Building Dept. for Approval.

b. Sunshine Garden in the news. Carla from Sustainable Food Edmonton has arranged with Green Business Canada to feature our sunshine garden.

--Edmonton Community Council spotlights the Fulton Place garden on [www//YEGishome.ca](http://www.YEGishome.ca).

--Lynn Ferguson wants to hold a workshop on Community Gardens and would like FPCG members to be present to speak with newbies. The event will probably be held in late November with people from Highlands and Duggan also attending. She would appreciate volunteers to present various aspects of the garden.

c. Our Harvest Part will be held Thursday, October 8. Crocus and tulip bulbs will be available for planting in rented boxes.

-- Sunday September 20 St. Augustine's Church is holding a potluck.

-- Monday October 5 the pie making course will begin and will continue for 5 weeks.

3. Discussions and Feedback:

a. Compost --- It was agreed that Eldon and Clayton would investigate the Prairie mushroom compost as an alternative to the U. of A. compost. If we go this route trucks will be needed to haul the compost.

b. Watering the garden – Several alternatives were presented and discussed including, a fish pond, diverting using a swale and dry creek bed, installing a second watering station, installing a catchment basin and adding more totes. Jonathan and Esther will continue to investigate installing the second watering station and additional totes.

c. Signage – Sherry, Kris, Carrie, Christina and Donna will form a committee to investigate interactive signs with laminate for use in a self-guided tour. Also signs to indicate the communal beds and those with crops available for general harvesting. A marker will be used to indicate when an owner is away and would appreciate someone tending their box. This committee will hand their work to the art department at Hardisty School for design work and construction.

Generally people gave positive feedback, commenting on how big, green, and tall the plants were. They felt that next year we would be smarter in handling the sharing and planting aspects of the garden.

Kris wondered about installing solar lights.

Winterscape kits will be requested from Lynn Ferguson under a Neighbourhood Engagement Grant.

d. Eldon has confirmed that installation and maintenance of a snow fence along the alley is our responsibility. He suggests stakes and mesh along the alley (haskap bed) to act as a snow fence to warn cars and snowplows and to protect the bushes from rabbits. He will investigate alternatives and present prices.

e. New members. There is a short waiting list including the Fulton Child Care Centre. Some people will be giving up their boxes, but most are retaining them. A couple of people want a different box. Members will be asked to let Sherry know ASAP if they wish to retain their plot.

It was agreed that the rental for the 4x4 box would remain at \$20.00, but would rise to \$30.00 for the 4x8 boxes.

f. Sherry and Nicole will revise the Terms of Reference to allow for Fall as well as Spring signup. They will also include as a responsibility of all members the removal of diseased plants or aggressive plants with ripening seeds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 15, at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Augustine's Anglican Church.