

Fulton Place Community Garden Meeting

Minutes for September 19, 2014

Sherry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ten people were in attendance.

Sherry thanked all who have been attending the meetings and those who have agreed to take on the roles and duties required to make the garden a reality.

1. Update on progress:
 - a. Presentations that have been made to:
 - i. The Fulton Gardening Swap with an information table Sept. 6.
 - ii. Fulton Place Community League Sept. 16.
 - iii. Hardisty School Sept. 19.
 - iv. Fulton Day Care Sept. 19.
 - iv. St. Augustine's presentation to the congregation scheduled for Sept. 21.
 - b. Esther spoke about the www.fpcg.weebly.com website that has been created. Future enhancements and links to St. Augustine's, FPCL, etc. will come once a decision is made on whether to pay for the site or to continue with the free format.
 - c. The License of Occupation & Partners in Parks Agreement: changes and clarification needed regarding:
 - i. Does this indemnify the committee?
 - ii. Will the city deal with garbage disposal?
 - iii. Is the contract for 3 or 5 years? Can it be altered?
 - iv. Our Terms of Reference should indicate an annual vote on key positions.
– VOTED ON AND PASSED: Key positions shall have an annual term instead of a fixed term. Key positions will be elected at the end of the growing season for the following season.
 - d. Grant Update: The Aging in Place Grant from the City of Edmonton is likely to be approved. The TD Friends of the Environment grant deadline is October 15.
 - e. In accordance with the requirements for the SFE grant a list of attendee addresses was generated.
 - f. The Fulton Day Care, Hardisty School, St. Augustine's Church and FPCL have all submitted letters of support.
 - g. Saturday September 20, 2014, Rio Terrace Community Garden is holding a work bee at 10:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend for a tour and talk with members.
 - h. A call was sent out to collect and save brown matter to feed the compost bins.

2. Group discussion: The high school work experience programs will require details of our project to help with assigning work groups.

- a. The sign design and name “The Sunshine Garden” were unveiled. The temporary sign for the winter for 2014-15 will be kept within size limits (6’9”-- 30 sq. m.) and on private property so no permit is required.

Designs for an electronic template were presented and one was accepted by combining one design with the lower case font of another.

To proceed funding will be required as well as design approval by the church representatives and a double check of city requirements.

- b. A ‘Signature of Committee Representative’ space was added to the Garden Plot Contract.

Vision statements and an intention section were added to both Plot and Non-plot contracts.

A waiver clause regarding family members under 16 will be added to the contract.

- i. Compost guidelines will be altered: 2 – add ‘weeds gone to seed’ and 8 – ‘or if there are any other concerns’.
- ii. Water guidelines: The guidelines will be altered: 2 – ‘I will use the water from rain barrels before using the church water’. 3 – ‘The water coordinator will fill the church tank as needed. I will notify the water coordinator if rain barrels are low or empty’.
- iii. Planting guidelines: Add: 5 -- ‘Common areas shall be planted as per the direction of the garden committee’.

- c. Idea for Shed and Water System: A shed with eaves will be built along the back wall of the church allowing for water collection. There will be sliding doors for equipment, plus one person door the back of which will hold tools designed to provide easy access for our special needs members. Water barrels will be placed in front of and below the St. Augustine’s wall sign (with church approval). Contact information for committee will be posted.

Water from the church will be taken in cubic metre lots and members will agree to use the rain water before using the metred water.

- d. Members were asked to make enquiries and forward names of people interested in coordinating the building of the garden shed, boxes, compost bin and permanent sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: October 16th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.