

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2016, 7:38 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Rich Clauser, Bonnie Kaiden, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 2/1/16 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Val Sternadore still interested in joining committee but hasn't filed paperwork with Town yet
 - o **Vote on revised bylaws/rules/regs: all committee members vote to accept draft document as final.**
 - o Still need to complete revised handbook (general garden guidelines) to have complete documents for distribution to gardeners. Amy has revised handbook and map for addition to bylaws/rules/regs... a few things to go over in this draft.
 - o Title: change to "Franklin Community Gardens Organic Growing Guidelines"
 - o Table of Contents: delete
 - o Page 2: after "These are basic guidelines," delete existing sentence and replace: "For more detailed information, please contact the Committee at franklincommunitygardens@gmail.com."
 - o Page 3: edit "Do not bring pets to the gardening area; however, service animals are exempt."
 - o Page 5: edit "All watering will be done by hand."
 - o Page 6: delete Companion Planting section entirely (lots of info on this elsewhere)
 - **Vote on revised handbook: all committee members vote to accept draft document as final.**
 - o Bonnie will update formatting for organic guidelines to match formatting for rules and regs: once complete we will send to Deb Schwab to assemble packets. Should be done by end of April at latest and ready for distribution to gardeners.
 - o Amy still needs to contact webmaster to get static info updated, will do now that handbook/rules/regs are complete. .org domain is available again, Amy will purchase and set up long-term renewal (Kiernan suggested making mirror site to point at .com so we don't have to move site again).
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Rich has spoken to Town about removal of tree and they have again refused. They suggested that we write a letter requesting it – Rich has drafted.
 - o Amy will talk to Carlos again before next meeting; if no luck, we will discuss and re-edit Rich's draft at next meeting.
- **2016 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Amy went into Google Drive and looked at mailing subgroups – emailed everyone on last year's list. Reached all but one.
 - o All green beds on map have renewed from last year – St. V de P requested to move so they have been reassigned. No one wants to be near the tree.
 - o Food Pantry now #22
 - o 15 open beds at this time (2 new) – 4 on waitlist will be assigned leaving us with 11.

- Need to broadcast need for more gardeners. Kiernan will ask for emails on social media, Rich will post at garden, Amy will put in Franklin Town News for May 1 and tell Rec.
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - Kiernan still needs to come up with preliminary event calendar other than plant sale. Amy has already started seedlings for that.
 - Kiernan needs to put out social media call for input – what events would gardeners like to have?
- **New Business:**
 - Next meeting will discuss/vote on possibility of renumbering beds in more logical format, discuss letter re: tree removal if necessary.
- **Adjourn: 8:39 PM**