

Franklin Community Garden Committee – Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2017, 7:35 PM (Franklin Municipal Building, Room 205)

- **Attendance:** Kiernan Reed, Bonnie Kaiden, Rich Clauser, Amy Acevedo
- **Minutes for 7/10/17 meeting:**
 - o Approved
- **Town Issues/Committee Issues:**
 - o Bonnie invited two new potential members to attend tonight but neither is here
 - o Kiernan will draft annual report for Town prior to September 11 meeting, will submit to committee at that meeting for approval. Report is due to Town on Wednesday, Sept. 13
 - o Facebook page is up, Bonnie needs to connect with Kelly Sabini to officially put her in charge of running it. Bonnie will make sure she has all of our personal emails so we can contact Kelly directly.
- **King St. Community Garden Updates:**
 - o Bed rebuild project – Bonnie coordinated with DPW to find out what they have and what they need. Carlos responded that they don't really know what we're planning to do. Amy has specs re: design and budget to pass along to DPW, since budget has already been approved by Town.
 - o We need a committee member to meet on site with Carlos this month, Rich can do it to finalize design/list of materials needed. Need to make sure the fasteners aren't left out/forgotten
 - o Amy and Rich disagree on design for new beds – Rich wants to leave part of existing beds in place, Amy wants them removed because of carpenter ant infestation. Kiernan and Bonnie agree with Amy, Rich agrees to follow that recommendation and will check with Carlos to see if he has any ideas as well.
 - o Kiernan suggests advising gardeners to pot up and remove perennials as part of the info on the rebuild project, so perennials don't get lost.
 - o Workday attendance is still an issue. Gardeners need to be instructed to contact Rich directly with questions/requests to reschedule workdays – many are responding directly to Gardenmail which is not being checked regularly.
 - o Deb Schwab will do signs next year
 - o Combo lock for shed seems to be working now, but we may want to consider other solutions for next season like a real estate lockbox. Kiernan has one to show the committee how it works. They aren't expensive but the downside is the key can get lost. Possible to use the lockbox itself as a lock depending on design.
 - o A new combo lock like our existing one is about \$10, realtor lockbox is about \$20.
 - o Bonnie has requested DPW mow undergrowth behind back fence once per season – Rich will follow up when he meets with Carlos to find out when that's scheduled
- **2017 Season (Renewals/New Gardeners):**
 - o Nothing to discuss
- **Events (Planning/Discussion):**
 - o Idea is that gardeners/community members will do the bed rebuild with potential assistance from Town personnel. We will need to do a major push to get enough people to help.

- Build day will be sometime in October – Sunday afternoon will probably have the best chance of getting the most people
- Kiernan suggests October 15 as a target date, with October 29 as an optional backup if weather doesn't cooperate
- We can approach Rec/local businesses re: sponsorship for refreshments for volunteers
- Kiernan will contact Steve Sherlock to help us get the word out about the build date
- **New Business:**
 - None
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