

HARVEST FARM BOARD MINUTES MAY 15 2023

Attendees: Billqeece Naqawe, Alex Ortolano, Eileen Cobb, Kristen Shappert, Ken McCoy, Bill Stinehart

- Call to Order Alex called the meeting to order at 6:01PM
- Adoption of Agenda Ken motioned, Kristen seconded, all approved
- Approval of Previous Month Minutes Kristen motioned, Eileen seconded, all approved
- Financial Report Financial report remains mostly the same as last month minus the deduction of a hose recently purchased by Kristen. Eileen has submitted receipts for herb garden and organic pesticide purchased before Tom's donation. The garden is in sound financial health.
- Project Updates Roger is working with the Eagle Scout team on the orchard water table project. The water tables are installed. It will take the city a bit more time to run the water. The scout turns 18 in June and hopes to have the project completed before then.
- Calendar Review
 - April 15 work day (re-scheduled due to Easter/April 8 forecast) was well attended at both garden and orchard
 - Next work day May 14 with education event to occur at the beginning of the day May 14 work day was not as well attended as others in the past, but we still got a lot of work done
 - Upcoming calendar events. Next work day is June 10.
- Orchard Updates
 - Discuss orchard horticulturist (Bill) Bill has met with the horticulturist and will be getting a quote soon.
 - Confirm that the orchard has its own governing board (Billqeece) The orchard does have its own board called Friends of the Orchard. They will manage the relationship with the horticulturist, so no further action from the garden board on this topic.
- Education and Grant Discussion It was agreed that we will host a Walk About The Garden education tour at the next work day. Gardeners can request help with current issues or Bill can point out issues in plots of which gardeners may be unaware.
- New Business
 - New date for Board cookout event Elle will send out a survey again via WhatsApp
 - Standing garden is available again due to original gardener moving too far away Kristen took the action to reach out to Heartis to see if they would like to take on this garden for no charge as a possible regular outing for their tenants
 - Homeschool group mentioned need for new bins Board agreed new bins would be a good thing. Kristen will order them and buy some outdoor paint. We will notify in work group communication that children (or any inspiring artist) are welcome to paint them at the next work day.
 - Garden quilt is apparently still coming. We need to determine where to hang it in the barn and determine whether it can eventually be moved to City Hall This is an outdoor wooden quilt which will then be added to the national quilt tour trail. Kristen to continue to communicate with Rita about this.
 - Several gardeners are struggling with ants. How long does it take diatomaceous earth to work? Most plots are planted now and gardeners have stopped issuing email concerns about ants so perhaps this is now under control

- Possible construction of additional garden plots (we have money and a wait list) It was discussed and determined that this is a pretty big undertaking so there really isn't a good way to add only 10 plots at a time. We would need to approve the whole construction of the 30 plot expansion, which would take up about half the existing field space. That seems more than needed at this time, but we will keep it on the back burner.
- Potential construction of a green house (a dream of Kristen N) Alex showed us the well thought out plans for the green house. It will be very well done, but it is not very large, and it is unclear who would be able to use it. There would not be space for every gardener. In 2019, the estimated cost of construction was \$20K. Kristen S to reach out to Kristen N and see what the original vision was. Was this to an extra charge for those who wanted to grow orchids or tropical plants?
- Old Business
 - Update on orchard horticulturist Discussed above
 - Tom returned from an overseas trip and committed to help with herb garden and also provide closet supplies Thank you, Tom!
- Adjourn Kristen motioned, Eileen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:58PM

Action Items:

- **Send notice to plots 26, 43, and 57 of reclamation and re-issue due to lack of reply to yellow stake email and no plantings 2 weeks past 5/1 deadline** Eileen
- **Reach out to first 3 potential gardeners on the wait list to award plots; update master plot spreadsheet with new names** Eileen
- **Reach out to the 3 new yellow stake gardens** Eileen
- **Reach out to Kristen N and establish vision for green house** Kristen
- **Ask Elizabeth about gravel supplier and quantity needed for next work day** Ken
- **Send out date/times for board cook out** Elle
- **Plan a fun salad day event before lettuce wilts** Valerie/Elle
- **Make a berry garden sign** Eileen
- **Take pictures of existing signs. Next board meeting we will make decisions on how many to replace** Eileen
- **Prepare for council meeting presentations** Alex
- **Call Heartis and offer stand up garden to residents** Kristen
- **Buy bins and outdoor paint before next work day** Kristen
- **Follow up with Rita on garden quilt hanging** Kristen
- **Work on mission statement (to coordinate with new garden signs)** Ken