

CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES

COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 11, 2023 7pm

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM Paul
2. Attendance – Paul Bjorngaard, Cyndi George, Joe Babula, Tracy Hayden, Alexandria Graham and Toni Henning
3. Public Participation –
 - Tara McHugh (Community Garden Renter & Master Gardener)
 - Mike Lawler (Community Garden Bee keeper)
 - i. Hive update: Honey production is down, Bees need more supportive plants in the garden. Ideas explored for garden and city businesses.
4. Approval of June minutes – Motion to approve by Cyndi, second by Joe - All
5. Treasurer Report – Motion to approve by Tracy, second by Joe - All
 - Current balance \$13,261.74 balance
 - Working balance with pending allotment applies \$11904.38
 - Committee Purchasing Cheat Sheet provided
6. Committee Responsibilities
 - Watering Guide – low to soil, deep soaks of beds, mornings and caution watering in evening.
 - Stewardship
 - i. Add contact Committee to the Garden Board (Paul)
 - Delegation of responsibilities – Projects, garden maintenance, planning and events)
 - i. Add to sharable spreadsheet
7. Garden Events
 - Monthly Events
 - i. Yoga – Season is going well, next up August 6th 9:00 am
 - ii. Weeding Wednesday
 - iii. Ask the Master Gardner – Next up, July 17th – Pest Control
 - Seasonal Events
 - i. Bee Informed Event
 1. Successful, even with rain. High engagement & new observation hive

- ii. Acoustic music & cache –
 - 1. 8/26 or 9/16 – Coordinate with music & Cache’ (Cyndi)
 - a. Rain date
 - 2. Cocktails/Mocktails/Beer – Cache’ (Cyndi)
 - 3. Great Lakes Tents – Tables, chairs & table clothes (Paul)
 - 4. Music, drinks & recipes (Cyndi)
 - 5. Compostable drinkware, wristbands, tealights & table vases (Toni)
 - 6. Snacks (Alex)
 - 7. Flyer- posters & cards (Joe)
 - 8. QR code (Cyndi/Sam Cache’)
 - 9. Tickets
 - a. In person sales (Paul)
 - b. Electronic sales option? (Toni)
 - 10. Marketing/Promotion (All)
 - a. Promotion – Alex moved to allocate \$100.00, supported by Tracy
 - b. Flyers to local businesses/events (Alex/Tracy)
 - i. Aqua fest 8/6
 - c. Social Media
 - 11. Event Permit, electricity (Paul)
- iii. Yardner Tour 2023 – Our Garden is a stop on the tour this year!
 - 1. August 5th 9am-3pm Tour
 - 2. On going garden prep and maintenance for readiness
 - 3. Pre-tour offered to tour stops (self-guided)
 - a. Wednesday, August 2nd 5:30 pm at Selinsky-Green Farmhouse
 - b. Garden should be Company ready August 2nd

8. Projects

- Shed Sponsorship (10x12 or 12x12)
- Waste Initiative – (Pending response from the city)
- Pumpkin Tunnel – Price Cattle Panel/T posts at Tractor Supply
- Pumpkins Beds
 - i. Pumpkins planted in south bed, sheet mulching around pumpkins will help reduce weeds
 - ii. Bind weed needs addressed in other bed, Solarize treatment (Tara lead)
 - 1. Wednesday, July 19th – Start Solarize prep, sheet mulching and Way Station area
- SCS Farmer Market – Wonderful engagement and support. Handed out flyers, origami seed packets and gathered contact for volunteering. Next up, July 23rd

- ADA beds are ready for planting – Cyndi coordinating Flourishing Lives kick off

- English Garden
 - i. Way Station
 - 1. Native plants needed (milkweeds)

9. PR & Communications (Paul & Alex)

10. Public Participation

11. Next Meeting, Wednesday, August 2nd at 7 pm

12. Adjournment 8:12 pm Motioned by Joe, second by Tracy