



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

**Present:** Nancy Donahue, Wendy Fleming, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, John Marshbanks, Linda Marshbanks, Barbara Maurer, Carol Mabe, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Ellen Serra, Mary Smolinski and Carina Wordham

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the 3/11/24 special meeting minutes. Ms. Wordham made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Smolinski. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Council Report:** All gardeners received Ms. Maurer's March Council Report circulated to CAC.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report.

**Garden Update:** Ms. Kelly reported that one of the bee hives turned into a "hot hive." She consulted with Senior beekeepers and the situation has been resolved. Ms. Kelly is in the process of securing a new Queen and drones for replacement of the "hot hive." Ms. Maurer reported that the last two garden work days have been very successful. Projects for the work day scheduled for 4/6/24 include cardboard and chipping of pathways and weeding and renovation of Monarch Garden. Ms. Smolinski reported that the squash and cucumber seedlings are ready for planting. This project will also be scheduled for the 4/6/2024 work day. Ms. Herbster has planted romaine and buttercrunch lettuces in the large pots located in the patio area. She also reported that she purchased bok choy and will be planting this week.

### Old Business:

**Plant Sale:** The plant sale has been scheduled for Saturday, 4/27/24 at 8:30 am. Rain date is 5/4/24 at 8:30 am. Various items were discussed regarding the logistics and the sale. Ms. Herbster will circulate a revised Task List.

**Herb Garden Renovation:** At the 3/30/24 work day, certain "old" herbs were removed and it was decided to move other herbs into other quadrants. Ms. Beilby purchased a bay tree, and Ms. Herbster has planted it in the culinary quadrant. Ms. Herbster purchased bronze fennel, lovage, oregano, thyme, marjoram, salvia and lavender and will be planting them in the appropriate quadrants.

**Monarch Garden:** Ms. Serra reported that the items she ordered will be arriving this week and will need to be planted upon arrival.

### New Business:

Ms. Maurer has been contacted by Faith Connection who is hosting an Earth Day celebration at Martin Marietta Park on Saturday, 4/20/2024. Faith Connection was inquiring whether the Garden would be interested in having a table at the event or having someone from the Garden speak about bees. Ms. Maurer will contact Ms. Kelly to ascertain if she would be interested in doing a bee presentation.

There being no further business, Ms. Kloster made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Marshbanks. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary