



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024

**Present:** Becky DeMars, Nancy Donahue, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, John Marshbanks, Linda Marshbanks, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Donna Ross, Victoria Stuppy, and Carina Wordham

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the 5/6//24 meeting minutes. Ms. Lloyd made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

**Financial Report:** Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden. Ms. Ross made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Garden Update:** Ms. Maurer reported that the garden had a total of 232 volunteer hours for the month of May (205.4 – Labor; 27.5 – Administrative). Year-to-date volunteer hours total 1, 049.25. Total harvest of vegetables for the month of May was 113.6 pounds (cucumbers – 41; onions – 23; garlic – 25, and all other vegetables – 24.6. Total harvest of herbs for the month of May was 11.3 pounds. There was some carryover harvest from last Fall (from the end of 2023 to 5/6/24) totaling 100.25 pounds. Ms. Herbster reported that new irrigation timers were purchased and were installed by Mr. Organ. Mr. Organ also installed a timer for the Monarch Garden watering system. Ms. Herbster also reported that that composting is now on a turnover scheduled for every 3 to 4 weeks. Pole bean seeds have been re-planted. The bitter melon seeds did not germinate; however, several volunteer plants have been transplanted from Row 3 to Row 17. A fertilizing scheduled is in place and is posted on the bulletin board above the desk. Squash bugs are still appearing and must be attended to daily. In Ms. Kelly's absence, Ms. Herbster reported that the bees are doing well. Ms. Herbster reported that 17 Eastern Swallowtail caterpillars have been placed in the habitat, with one being released today.

#### Old Business:

**In-Service Training/Workday:** A workday and In-Service Training Session is scheduled for Saturday, 6/8/24 at 8:00 am.

**Plant Sale:** A discussion was held regarding a future Plant Sale considering the successful event held in April. If so, an Event Coordinator will need to be assigned. Ms. Stuppy suggested that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board could assist in this future event.

#### New Business:

**Fourth of July Parade:** Ms. Herbster will be signing up the Garden to participate in this year's parade once the sign-up sheet is available.

**Future Fundraising Ideas:** Ms. Maurer requested that all gardeners think of ideas for additional fundraising events to be held in the future.

#### Other:

**Garden Shirts:** Ms. Maurer polled the gardeners if we would like to purchase T-shirts for the garden volunteers. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

There being no further business, Ms. Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Organ. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.

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

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary