



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Meeting Minutes July 1, 2024

**Present:** Robin Beilby, Lynne Couture, Nancy Donahue, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, John Marshbanks, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, and Carina Wordham

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Ms. Maurer.

**Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** All members received and reviewed the 6/3/24 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Ms. Beilby. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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

**Garden Update:** Ms. Maurer reported that the garden had a total of 223 volunteer hours for the month of June. Total harvest of vegetables for the month of June was 641 pounds. Ms. Herbster reported that the vegetables are doing well, except for the kabocha. Squash vine borers have been detected and several of the vines have been removed. Squash bug clusters are still being found on the butternut and kabocha, and need to be removed daily. Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing well and is feeding them sugar water because no nectar is available. The Queen is laying eggs. There is a container outside of the fenced area which contains water for the bees. Ms. Kelly requested that this container to be checked for water. Ms. Herbster reported that 1 Monarch has been released, and that 2 have emerged and will be ready to be released this afternoon and tomorrow morning.

#### Old Business:

**Fourth of July Parade:** The Fourth of July parade is scheduled for this Thursday. Parade lineup begins at 9:45 am. Ms. Herbster has prepared 150 candy bags to be tossed to the children.

**Future Fundraising Ideas:** It was decided that a Plant Sale will be conducted again in April 2025. Ms. Wordham has agreed to be the event coordinator. Ms. Herbster will explore the idea of having a Craft Fair at the garden in the Fall and charge vendors an entry fee.

#### New Business:

**Election – Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Treasurer & Secretary:** Ms. Wordham nominated Ms. Mauer as Chair Person, Ms. Lloyd as Treasurer and Ms. Herbster as Secretary. Ms. Gibson nominated Ms. Wordham as Vice Chair Person. Ms. Kelly made a motion to accept the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gibson and the motion passed unanimously.

**Second Summer Planting:** A decision was made not to have a second summer planting.

**Fall/Winter Planting:** Ms. Maurer reported that the following will be planted: collards, broccoli, cauliflower, swiss chard, kale, radishes, turnips, rutabagas, and lettuces.

There being no further business, Ms. Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Kelly. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 5, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary

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