



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2024

**Present:** Robin Beilby, Becky DeMars, Nancy Donahue, Jackie Herbster, Denise Kelly, JoAnna Kloster, John Marshbanks, Linda Marshbanks, Carol Mabe, Barbara Maurer, Barbara Pilcher, Ellen Serra, Victoria Stuppy, 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 7/1/24 meeting minutes. Ms. Kelly 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 July Council Report circulated to CAC.

**Financial Report:** In Ms. Lloyd's absence, Ms. Maurer presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden.

**Garden Update:** Ms. Maurer reported that the garden had a total of 206 volunteer hours for the month of July. Total harvest for the month of July was approximately 1,200 pounds, with a year-to-date total of approximately 2,000 pounds. To date, 173 pounds of harvest has been donated to Interfaith Refugee Ministries. Workdays will continue to be held twice a month. Ms. Kelly reported that the bees are doing well and is feeding them sugar water. An additional box has been added. An inspection of the hive was conducted last week and only two mites were found. Ms. Kelly will do a mite treatment in another month. Ms. Herbster reported that 3 Monarchs and 6 Eastern Swallowtails were released in the month of July. Please wash store bought parsley before placing in the habitat. Ms. Wordham volunteer to grow parsley for next year so that parsley does not need to be purchased.

#### Old Business:

**Fall/Winter Planting:** Ms. Maurer reported that four rows of Fall/Winter vegetables will be planted this year and will include: collards, kale, swiss chard, bok choy, broccoli, cauliflower, turnips, rutabagas, and radishes. Buttercrunch and romaine lettuces will be planted in pots. Garlic will be planted in October.

#### New Business:

**Compost Program:** Ms. Herbster reported that there is still a problem with individuals dropping off compost in plastic bags. A discussion was held and it was recommended that the garden prepare a sign for posting by the compost bins that we will not be accepting compost in plastic bags, and will no longer accept compost in compostable bags.

**Garden Key Inventory:** An inventory of garden keys was conducted.

**September Meeting:** Since the next Garden Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is Labor Day, a motion was made by Ms. Marshbanks to cancel the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Bielby 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 2:23 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary