

River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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Meeting Minutes October 7, 2024

Present: Becky DeMars, Nancy Donahue, Arwen Gibson, Jackie Herbster, JoAnna Kloster, Judi Lloyd, John Marshbanks, Linda Marshbanks, Carol Mabe, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Victoria Stuppy 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 8/5/24 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 August and September Council Report circulated to CAC.

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

Garden Update: Ms. Herbster reported the following – August Garden Hours: Labor – 130, Administrative – 25; September Garden Hours: Labor – 117.5, Administrative – 3.25; YTD: Labor – 1,741.5, Administrative – 213.5. Garden Harvest: August vegetables – 360 pounds, September vegetables – 188.64 pounds, YTD – approximately 2,554 pounds; August herbs – 4.25 pounds, September herbs – 9.89 pounds, YTD – 35.14. To date, 286 pounds of vegetables and herbs have been donated to Interfaith Refugee Ministry. Workdays are currently scheduled for October 19th, November 2nd, 16th and 30th. Ms. Herbster reported that plastic/compostable bags are no longer being dropped off in the compost containers. She reminded the gardeners to check the compost containers each day on their respective work shift. In Ms. Kelly's absence, Ms. Herbster reported that the bees are doing well and they are currently in a nectar flow from the golden rod and the Astors. Ms. Kelly will continue to monitor during the winter. Ms. Herbster reported that 9 Monarchs and 13 Eastern Swallowtails were released in the months of August and September. A Fall Project list will be posted in the work shed.

Old Business:

Fall/Winter Planting: All Fall vegetables have been planted, which include collards, bok choy, kale, swiss chard, radishes, broccoli, cauliflower, turnips, rutabagas, romaine and buttercrunch lettuces. Garlic will be planted in late October or early November.

National Night Out: RBCOG will not have a table at National Night Out, but will place brochures on the P&R table.

New Business:

November Meeting: The November meeting will be held at Town Hall in the conference room.

CCMGVA Annual Bulb Sale and 2/10/25 Symposium: Ms. Herbster announced the dates of the annual bulb sale of the CCMGVA and circulated the information to the gardeners. Ms. Herbster also announced that CCMGVA will be hosting a Symposium on 2/10/25. The garden will be donating 200 packets of dried herbs for this event to be included in the gift bags.


Other: We have been contacted by Pamlico Tree Service and they will be delivering a load of wood chips soon. Ms. Herbster reported that the garden received a donation from Susan Broderick of a garden cart,

and Ms. Herbster will prepare a thank you note. The garden received a donation of sweet potatoes, butternut squash and parsley from an unknown source. Ms. Herbster reported that our garden neighbor, Dustin, has cut the lawn around the garden all season. After a discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Lloyd to purchase a gift card as a thank you and the motion was seconded by Ms. Marshbanks. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Lloyd made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Wordham. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2024 at 1:30 pm at the conference room in Town Hall.

Submitted by,


Jackie Herbster, Secretary