



## River Bend Community Organic Garden & Education Center

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### Draft Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025

**Present:** Peggy Bennett, Jackie Herbster, Judi Lloyd, John Marshbanks, Linda Marshbanks, Barbara Maurer, Chris Organ, Barbara Pilcher, Ellen Serra, 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 12/2/24 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 December Council Report circulated to CAC.

**Financial Report:** Ms. Lloyd presented the financial report from Friends of River Bend Community Organic Garden.

**Garden Update:** Ms. Maurer reported the following – December Garden Hours: Labor – 27, Administrative – 18; YTD: Labor – 1,935, Administrative – 285.5. Since the inception of the garden, 33,000 volunteer hours have been logged. Garden Harvest: December vegetables – 54 pounds, YTD – approximately 2,739 pounds; Interfaith Refugee Ministry donation: YTD - 316 pounds, which is 11.3% of the total harvest. Since the inception of the garden, 23,219 pounds of vegetables and herbs have been harvested. All vegetables have been covered due to the cold temperatures. Ms. Maurer reported that Mr. Garner has agreed to plant the seeds for Spring planting. The remaining Fall projects to be completed are: cardboard and wood chipping of pathways in the garden and weeding and wood chipping of exterior perimeter of the garden. In Ms. Kelly's absence, Ms. Herbster reported that the last hive perished. Ms. Kelly believes that the population of the hive was too small to keep warm during the cold weather.

#### Old Business:

**2025 Plant Sale:** The date of the Plant Sale will be 4/26/25 with a rain date of 5/3/26. Ms. Wordham (Event Coordinator), along with Ms. Gibson and Ms. Serra have volunteered to spearhead this event.

#### New Business:

**Future Fundraising:** Several future fundraising ideas were discussed. It was decided to hold off on these discussions until after the April Plant Sale.

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 2:48 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Jackie Herbster, Secretary