



Community Garden Advisory Committee MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, May 4, 2021
PLACE: ZOOM Conference Call

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Talia Tinari, Chairperson at 6:31 pm.

Attendees were:

Advisory Board

Talia Tinari – Committee Chairperson
Cris Gutierrez – Committee Vice Chairperson
Andrew Liberman – Main St. Representative
Kristin Michel – Main Street Representative
Nat Zappia – Park Drive Representative
Kya Kosmeya-Dodge– Euclid Site Representative
Daiva Houston – Main St. Representative

Absent: Lisa L. Olson – Park Drive Representative
Susan McCorry – Main St. Representative

City Staff

Teague Weybright, Community Gardens Program Coordinator, OSE

Public

Alan Toy, Lesley Holden, Ishara Bailis, Tracy Bromwich, Jason Lin, Margaret Sansom, Nick C., Randy Martin, Jenelle K. (Captioner)

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Talia T. moved to adopt March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Cris G. 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

3. Resignation

a. Talia T. moved to accept Lisa L. Olson's Resignation as Park Drive Site Representative. Kristin M 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

4. Staff Updates

a. Wait List remains steady.

- b. Monthly Inspections continue on the Third Wednesday of each Month. Notices of Non-Compliance will be issued as needed. City has provided a load of compost and a load of mulch for gardeners to access. Additional work will include thinning of trees at Park Drive.
- c. Permit renewals will be initiated in the beginning of June. Fee increases are on the City Council Agenda for Mid-May.

5. Operational Guidelines

- a. Talia T. moved to accept new CGAC Guidelines and Responsibilities. Cris G. 2nd. Motion Passes.
- b. Site Representative nominations are due May 21. Another reminder to be sent next week. Ballots will be sent out May 28 and will need to be returned by June 11.

6. Permit Documents

- a. Kristin M. moved to approve changes to Terms & Conditions. Talia T. 2nd. Motion passed.
- b. Requested revision to state that Theft is grounds for immediate revocation of Garden Permit. Kristin M. moved to approved Rules & Regulations. Talia T. 2nd. Motion passed. Must be approved by Shannon Parry and Rick Valte.
- c. Talia T. moved to approve changes to Good Neighbor Policy. Kristin M. 2nd. Motion passed.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Social Hour has been enjoyable. Would like to have an open house in June. Suggest events at other gardens. Still need new re-opening protocols from LACDPH.
- b. Would like to initiate monthly columns. Ken Hansen may have these.
- c. Completed 4th Grow LA Victory Garden Class at Ishihara this past month. New gardeners have been taking these classes which have proved beneficial. Two MG's who helped with the class are interested in starting up a Food Preservation Program. Working with SMC on growing Native Milkweed. TW requested to have someone start working on a Beautification Design for the Parking Lot at Main St. Kristin expressed interest in initiating.
- d. Talia T. moved to change name of Increasing Garden Opportunities to Urban Agriculture Expansion. Cris G. 2nd. Motion passed. Meetings have started and initial focus will be on vacant properties.
- e. Need to finalize the Appeals Process for gardeners who have received Forfeiture Notices.

8. Task Force on the Environment Update

Climate Corps are working on developing a proposal to support the Urban Ag Incentive Zone. They have also initiated a garden near Eddie's Liquor on 20th St.

9. Public Input

- a. Request to add Urban Ag Incentive Zone back to the agenda.

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next CGAC Meetings
July 6, 2021