

Silvana's Community Gardens

Minutes April 7, 2010

Present: Linda Hrycaj, Ann Brewster, Brandi Doocy, Maggie Butler, Marie Orlin, Heather Gerhart, Julie Maggs, Michelle Juneau, Tim Glasco, Joanna Rybak, Jill Benbow, Melissa Dawe and Susan O'Brien

I. General Business

A. Michelle's Wait List Report: Michelle emailed or called everyone on waiting lists and had no response as of April 7. She had also emailed about experimental beds and did not have a response to those. At this point there are 9 open (small) beds and 5 experimental beds (still to be built).

- Ann has some friends she will contact.
- Maggie can put something in the paper.
- Susan will act as registrar while Michelle is in Brazil (until 5/4).

B. Communications Report: Jill Benbow has set up a Yahoo Groups account for SCG. It is free to use with a Yahoo account. All gardeners or other interested people are encouraged to sign up. Jill will write up instructions that Susan will email to all. (This is like Summit FreeCycle if you are familiar with that).

- It is possible to sign up to get all emails from this group, daily digests, or no emails at all.
- There will be possibilities to set up committee folders, send out reminders, etc. and reduce the amount of garden emails.
- Jill will be the administrator of the account.

C. Fundraising Report: (Maggie)-There has been no new funding.

- The landfill will provide compost and soil again.
- Boyd Mitchell has agreed to haul the soil.
- We'll know about wood for beds and boxes by 4/15.
- We may be able to build compost boxes using old oak pallets.
- Gary Horine works for Specialty Woods and may be able to get us some discontinued colored wood.
- Ann Brewster is checking with Big Horn Ace Hardware

D. Chipotles Interest: Ann has been talking to the manager at Chipotles and they would like to do something for us. Several possibilities were discussed.

If we cannot get lumber donated maybe Chipotles could:

- Buy wood for our composter
- Sponsor the compost bins for X price.

In exchange we could do something for them:

- Give them an in-ground bed?
- Compost their food scraps?
- Would they like to do an experimental bed? Ann will ask.

E. Construction Report: Tim met with TOS and they will do the work to prepare for new beds the week of 4/12. They may have to take down some fencing to get in, but will put it back. Larry can be there. This was the only time option

to do this work.

F. Work Day Schedule:

- April 28 Bed Building at Vista Auto Center at 6PM. We will assemble like last year and leave the wood stored there until May 5.
- May 5 at the gardens to assemble beds- 6PM
- May 8 at the gardens starting at 9 AM (until about 3?)
- May 15 RAIN DATE, if needed, at the gardens from 9-3.

G. Kick-Off Party: SAVE THE DATE – **May 15 from 5-7 PM** at the NORTH POND PARK. It's a POT LUCK. Julie will send an e-vite invitation.

H. Garden Class Update: The 1st garden class had 37 people and made \$200+. Joanna and Ann will have a booth for SCG at the Earth Day Action Fair on 4/22. Don't forget the Soil Class at the County Commons on 4/13.

I. Misc:

- Joanna will ask Mountain Mentors if they could help at a work day in May.
- There was discussion about the bulletin board but I totally missed it for some reason. Anyone want to fill me in??
- Our bridge engineer provided some detailed plans for building the bridge including all materials, # of volunteers needed, etc. Thank you Walt! Linda will ask him if he would like to have a bed in return for his work.
- SOS outreach is looking for projects to work on. Maggie will ask them if they want an experimental bed. (*At this writing they had said YES and Maggie is searching for a sponsor for their bed*).

II. Adjourn: Next meeting Wednesday, April 28 **FIRST WORK DAY at 6 PM** at the Vista Auto Center in Silverthorne to get lumber cut for beds and compost boxes.