

Silvana's Community Gardens Minutes January 6, 2010

Present: Linda Hrycaj, Ann Brewster, Brandi Doocy, Julie Magliocchetti, Michele Juneau, Joanna Rybak, Sally Morris, Maggie Butler, Bev Mason, and Susan O'Brien

I. Introductions

II. Presentation on composting bins by Jen Santry of HCCC: Jen explained a 3 tier (or more), bin system that she encouraged SCG to consider building and using this year. Building plans and pictures of the bins are attached for you to download.

- The bins would need to be regulated to prevent introduction of undesirable or non-compostable material. Pad-locking is possible.
- This could be kept going year-round and would be OK to freeze. Hot ingredients could be added to speed up the composting process.
- Location and cost to build would need to be determined.
- Jen would be able to teach a class on composting.

III. Update on Rules and Regulations/Sponsored Beds: The Rules and Regs Committee has met and Michelle has been making revisions, but had questions.

- A. Time Limitations on beds:** For now, there will be no limitations on the number of years a person can rent a plot. The group felt that there would be a natural turnover due to people's changing circumstances and that some consistency is good. This idea will be revisited annually, at the end of the season, and is subject to change at that time.
- B.** Ann has started revising procedures for **end of season** garden clean-up.
- C. Marijuana** may not be grown in the gardens. This rule is also required by TOS.
- D. Sponsored Beds:** Maggie explained how important the sponsored beds are to our funders. There will be 5 sponsored beds that will be kept in rotation every year. Sponsored beds will be assigned on a yearly basis and users of these beds will follow the same rules and procedures as other gardeners. Types of beds follow:
 - 1) **Donor beds:** Funders giving \$2500+ (such as grantors like the Summit Foundation), can be given plots that they may use, or give to someone else to use, at their discretion.
 - 2) **Community Organizations:** SCG will seek funds for community groups, such as Scouts, 4-H, etc. to participate at the gardens.
 - 3) **Low Income Applicants:** SCG will seek sponsors to fund gardens for anonymous low income families. Cost of sponsorship is \$250 - \$80 goes to deposit and rental fees, \$50 goes directly to the gardener for materials, and the balance goes towards general fund, maintenance, education, etc. SCG keeps the deposit.

IV. Minutes/Agenda and Committee News: Susan will request items for the monthly meetings to be submitted at least 10 days prior to the meeting, in an effort to get agendas written and sent out 1 week before the meeting.

- A. By-Law Editing:** The steering committee met to review the by-laws, and Susan re-wrote the changes. Revised by-laws will be posted on the website by 2/1/10.
 - 1) **The steering committee** is the voting group made up of the Co-chairs, secretary and treasurer-registrar, along with some committee heads and "others deemed appropriate and necessary". Bev and Sally will be added

to the steering committee list. Susan will clarify the by-laws to reflect that the Steering Committee is the voting body.

- 2) **Co-Chairs:** Current co-chairs, Marie and Linda have agreed to stay on one more season if no one else steps up to take a leadership role. They would like to start mentoring potential future leaders asap and ask *everyone* involved in the gardens please share in the duties of this *community* garden.
- 3) **Long term (5 year) planning committee:** Meeting date set for Wed, February 10 at 6 PM. Location TBD. (Linda, Marie, Susan, Sally, Maggie, Irene, Joanna).
- 4) **Education Update:** Joanna passed out a list of possible classes to be offered from March - September. The Silverthorne Library is booked most of the summer, so Ann volunteered to talk to Ryan about using TOS locations free of charge. (Mission accomplished a few days after the meeting – Thanks Ann & Ryan!)
- 5) **Future Committee Meetings:**
 - Fundraising group will meet 1/13/10 to discuss priority and costs of future projects.
 - Susan will ask Jill about a Communications meeting.
 - The Mentors will set up a meeting to work on a suggested plant list for gardeners and appoint a chair. Ann will contact the other mentors.
 - There was discussion about a **Seed Trade/Kick-Off Party in May**. This would also be a good time for gardeners to “*Adopt a Mentor*”. Julie will round up the social committee to start planning.
 - Sally Morris will chair the work day committee.

IV. Adjourn: Next meeting Wednesday, February 3 at 6 PM in the Schmidt Room in Silverthorne Town Hall.

Garden meetings are open to the public, scheduled for the 1st Wed. of each month at 6:00.

Steering Committee:

Co Chairs: Linda Hrycaj and Marie Orlin

Treasurer/Registrar: Michelle Juneau

Secretary: Susan O'Brien

Heather Gerhart

Julie Magliocchetti

Ann Brewster

Brandi Doocy

Joanna Rybak

Bev Mason

Sally Morris

Larry Lunceford