

# Clarkston Community Garden

## General Meeting Minutes

08/18/2022

**Attending:** John Freeman, Peggy Madonia, Dick Adams, Kathryn Jarrett, Tana Truscott, Tom Truscott, Linda Starace, Carol Hammond, Cindy Larson and Kerry Beth Eyman.

### Treasurer's Report

- Checking: \$13,234.00
- Savings \$1465.00
- July's water bill, \$122.00

### Flea Beetle Invasion

- A pesticide called "Captain Jack's" was sprayed on beds in Row 1 and 2. John Freeman and Dick Adams treated the rest with Neem Oil and insecticide soap by hand.
- Captain Jack's is a derivative of a soil bacteria and organic.
- Gardeners may water as usual and are recommended to wash their harvest well.
- **Let Tana, Ken, Janie and John Freeman know if you see an infestation in the garden.**

### Open House Review

- John expressed appreciation for the food preparation for the event.
- The group agreed it was a success.
- It was suggested that this be an annually recurring event.
- It was brought up that not all the renters were aware of the event.

### Compost Committee

- Stated that the composting system is a work in progress.
- Presented that weed disposal has begun to take over the focus of creating the compost system and that a weed management committee be formed to handle this separately.

- New signs will be crafted with additional resource materials being made available for the committee.
- An in-person tutorial will be made an option once the system is more complete.

### **Volunteer Committee**

- The Volunteer Committee suggests that the garden get a better estimate of volunteer hours, as this is useful in applying for some grants.
- The committee stated that a Volunteer Coordinator position could be created to oversee the projects.
- Two types of Volunteers were identified, individual and service groups. There is potential in untapped service groups.
- It was agreed upon that volunteers need to be thanked so that they will feel valued and return for more work.

### **Irrigation Documenting Update**

- Joe Madonia has finished the digital map of the irrigation.
- On Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, a drone will fly above the garden to get an aerial picture.

### **Strategic Planning**

- Consideration for a plan at the beginning of the year and an end of year review to evaluate what worked and what didn't.

### **Next Meeting**

- **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 pm** at the United Methodist Church of Clarkston, 1242 Highland, Clarkston, Wa. **The side entrance is the closest to the meeting room. This will be the room at the top of the stairs.**

**Please attend and help make this garden great!**