

Prospect Heights Farm

June 7, 2008, 2 pm

Minutes compiled by Traci Nottingham and Jean Kahler, with additional notes from Melanie Chopko

In Attendance:

Kayla Schwarz  
Dan Kelly (presiding)  
Virginia Webster  
Cookie Thompson  
Hanakyle Moranz  
Ella Morgenlander  
Andrey Morrell  
Frances Norwood  
Redelia Nottingham  
Traci Nottingham (took notes)  
Rosemary Palms  
James Kendred  
Jean Kahler (took notes)  
Akiko Kato  
Jean Cox  
Meredith Kadet  
Carl Lawrence  
Jon Pafee (?)  
Ashley Lahoud  
Ben Shupp  
Brad Nicoll  
Melanie Chopko  
Phoebe Tremaio-Slater  
Joey DeLeo  
Jessica Rowe  
Serena Deng  
Nicole Gates  
Diana Gilchrist  
Ruth Manning  
Joanna Bauman  
Andrew Breck

Topics:

Project Priority List  
Mosquito Abatement  
Other Business

Project Priority List

Dan presented a list of 31 potential projects. Each member ranked the 10 most important. Dan will tally results.

Dan proposed a vote on the following:  
"Based on the results of the project priority survey, the coordinators are authorized to take immediate action on the top 10 projects, including recruiting project managers, allocating budgets and scheduling volunteer time."

Proposal approved: 18 aye, 1 nay, 3 abstain

Carl noted that these plans never work. Redelia agrees.

Mosquito Abatement

We discussed possibilities for controlling our burgeoning bloodsucker population.

We need to keep the cisterns, in case we don't get enough rain to rely on the rain collection tanks.

Mosquito "dunks": These are non-toxic disks that would go into the cisterns and kill mosquito larvae. Kayla will look into them further and, if they are actually as all-natural and safe as she remembers, she will order them.

Bat Houses: Jean K. will look into bat house designs and see if Haleijah would make one.

New Lids for Cisterns: Kayla will ask at Sahadi's.

Other Business

Some beds need rebuilding, and we missed the lumber giveaway at Green Thumb. If the deck does not prove to be a high priority for members, we could use the lumber currently set aside for that

project; otherwise we can buy some, possibly from Build It Green or another recycling source.

Traci posted a set of rules in the shed, which were subsequently removed. Please leave them up!

Dan reports that the person responsible for severely pruning the bushes in the back corner, including the blackberries, has been spoken to.

Carl suggests we work on getting a toilet, possibly a composting toilet.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, July 12, 10:30 am

Raindate: Sunday, July 13