

In attendance:

Philip Silva (presiding)
Ruth Manning
Frank Pasquale **
Raymond Cha **
Ella Rozin **
Liz Neves
Carl Lawrence
Redelia Nottingham
Valentine Douglas
Rosemary Palms
Melissa Atwood
Ella Morganlander
Frances Norwood
Meredith Slopen **
Joey DeLeo
Jamie McClelland **
Jennie Spector
Jessica Stein
Mark Jaffe
Kayla Schwartz
Akosua Albriton
Cookie Thompson
Andrea Warmington
Traci Nottingham (took notes)

** -new members

Announcements, Updates and Discussions:

Introductions round robin ; We are a GreenThumb & Trust for Public Land Garden and are required to keep the garden open to the community a minimum of 20 hours per week. We are owned by TPL and as such are not threatened by the upcoming changes to the City's rules regarding Community Gardens owned by the City, but we should stand in solidarity with those gardens that are, letting public officials know that Gardens do a lot of good for our neighborhoods & city. Contact Carl L. or Phil S. for additional information and if you wish to participate. Also please sign up for Open Hours!

Ratification of July's minutes- 12 aye, 0 nay, 2 abstain

Compost Update: Val- Currently the team are rotating bins trying to get rid of the smelly compost , by flipping one bin to the next. there have been complains from the backyard neighbors, In the next couple of weeks sifting will take place and compost will be ready to use. Liz- signs for compost directions will be coming soon. Round of applause to the Compost team for their efforts.

Master Gardener Updates : Traci - Flower Cutting Bed/ Grape Trellis Project is coming along; repair of the brick wall is in progress & will be finished soon. many thanks to those who are working so hard to make it come to fruition. Zinnias, sunflowers and other flowers are growing nicely. If you wish to participate, contact Traci. Round of applause to the Flower Bed team for their efforts.

Treasury Report : Phil-current balance \$1698.58, not including plant sale proceeds which approximate \$ 2000, for a total of nearly \$3000.

Community Event scheduling : Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash - Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 2pm - 5pm Raindate Nov 7, 2010 2- 5 pm. Kayla volunteered to get the white & sweet potatoes from the Food Co-Op. Contact the listserv if you wish to bring something else (refreshments, desserts, etc). Marcy will be contacted for tarot card readings.

Box Coordinator report: Ruth - no formal report; re: Box Waiting List- about 5 people from last year & there are about 25 people from this year on the waiting list, but is waiting to update the list with info for service hours info from Akiko. Rosemary requests that a Box Map be published so that gardeners can help water someone's bed if they request it while they are away. Otherwise, nobody knows where specific boxes are. Ruth agreed to post a Box Map with names.

Street Tree Mapping Project: Phil- Neighborhood street trees were mapped over the past two weekends - more to come- as part of a project that hopefully will be citywide showing tree locations & identification. In July fifteen Robotics class students from Harlem came to help map our neighborhood and are looking forward to us coming to help map their area. This summer we have also had various workshops that were open to our neighbors- serving as a valuable community resource. If interested in participating contact Phil.

Carl asked what happened to our original wood shed; it was explained that it had become rat infested , the roof caved in, etc. It was in total disrepair, but with much lament the garden members did vote for it to come down. (the door was saved however)

Frances requested the shed be cleaned up again; it's hard to find things. We decided it would be done as part of a Garden Workday, immediately after the next meeting in September.

Open Space Institute update : Phil- as per the last garden vote, Phil & Johanna forwarded to OSI a formal Letter of Inquiry to them, it has been reviewed & we have been accepted to submit a full application to OSI for fiscal sponsorship. We are not a non- profit entity so doing this will make it easier for us to hold a bank account. They charge a nominal fee for banking, budgeting, basic insurance, but gives us the opportunity to provide tax deductions deductible to those who donate to us- both individuals & businesses. If approved, our sponsorship would begin in October.

Next Meeting and *Workday*: Saturday September 11, 2010 11:00 a.m. Rain date Sunday Sept. 12, 2010 11:00 a.m.

minutes taken & typed by Traci Nottingham, Secretary