

Attendees

Valentine Douglas
Jessica Stein Patrick
Frances Norwood
Lisa Watkins
Ruth Manning
Mike Dalton
Will Law
Johanna Bauman

Eva Wang
Hannah Adkinson
Joey DeLeo
Mr. Jeff Secor
Jean Kahler
Neil Richardson
James Goldstein
Kayla Schwarz

Jennie Spector
R. Nottingham
Geoffrey Amend
Mark Jaffe
Lynn Armentrout (presiding)
Diana Wheaton**
Traci Nottingham (took notes)
**= new members

Announcements and Updates:

September 2012 Meeting Minutes - ratification 16 aye, 0 nay 4 abstentions

Compost report: Mike D. & Johanna & Jennie S.- Mike noted that the compost has been moved and installed the sifter/ tumbler atop the concrete blocks and that there is a Compost workday on Sunday, to sift material. The last bin's lid needs to be constructed. Johanna added that we are participating in Project Leaf Drop again this year to collect clean neighborhood leaves for composting, on the two weekends before Thanksgiving (Nov 10 & 17). Sign ups will be needed from 10am - 2 pm. Later, Jennie arrived and announced that the Leaf Drop would be several weekends and sign up times would vary.

Treasury report: Johanna- We have \$3829.01 which includes dues collected to date, plus \$310 in petty cash which are the new dues collected.

Service Hours report: Eva- Passed around Individuals' Open/ Service Hours Report for review; summary of hours can be found posted in the bulletin board and on our website. In reviewing the calendar, we have not kept the garden open as often as we should!!

Lynn suggested a planning group to engage new members and address long range space planning of the garden and offered to have meetings at her home over the winter to make proposals to present at the Winter meeting. The Children's Bed will be rebuilt; it may occupy one of the other new Communal Boxes. We briefly discussed that the maple tree next to the Compost are would eventually need to cut down; Traci pointed out that we created a clear zone around the maple tree's roots for its health but since the maple tree is in decline with mushrooms on its trunk, we don't need to maintain a clear space around it and therefore could use the space around the tree for compost operations as well. Jean K. expressed her desire that if we cut down the tree that we should replant another one. She added that there would be no shade in the back of the garden and that aside from shade, trees do provide other uses that are very beneficial. Kayla & Traci agreed. Lynn then proposed there be a tree Committee; Jean K. agreed to lead it and Traci joined her.

After being unable to get a response from Virginia, visitor Jay Smith came to the garden to announce that there would be a Health & Harvest Fair on Underhill Ave. between Sterling & St. John's Places next weekend and wanted us to participate at a table to talk about gardening, composting, soils, seeds, etc. Tentative tabling volunteers were Jean K., Jeff S., Mike D. and Joey D.

BANG Land Trust report: Kayla- The deed transfer from TPL to BANG LT is expected at the end of this year; Pacific Street Bears Garden has already had bad experiences with the new Barclays Center.

Upcoming Events: 14th Annual Pumpkin Smash Potato Bake Bash was confirmed for Nov 3, 2012 from 1-5 pm (note: Hurricane Sandy postponed the event). A sign up sheet was passed around for foodstuffs and tasks for the event. Mike D. & Ruth volunteered to work on the flyer.

Discussions: Questions and concerns arose about the newly (and mysteriously) cleared out area at the front of the garden; Jeff explained that he cleared out a giant pokeweed, underbrush and some dogwoods that had made their way into the path. Kayla & Jean suggested that out it would have been preferable that it intentions were announced before they were undertaken. Jennie S. passed around a sign up sheet for the Leaf Drop. Mike D. requested members for group photos today for a project; Jean K. explained that she has found the garden gate open with no one inside, which can be pretty unnerving not knowing if someone is around or not. PLEASE REMEMBER to LOCK THE GATE when you leave and ask visiting non- members to leave when you leave.

End of Season Meeting: Saturday November 10th, 2012 1:00 p.m. raindate Sunday Nov 11th 1 p.m.